

THE WEATHER
PARTLY CLOUDY tonight and Thursday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 32; high Thursday, 58.

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Russia Gives Pledge of Aid Korean Truce

Molotov Recognizes 'Complete Justice' Of New Proposals

Moscow (AP)—Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov pledged Soviet assistance Wednesday in trying to bring about an armistice in Korea on the basis of proposals by Chou En-Lai, the Chinese premier.

Molotov's statement was the first official Soviet comment on the latest Korean developments. It appeared in the form of a foreign ministry announcement issued through the official Soviet news agency Tass and broadcast by Moscow radio.

Molotov said the Soviet government "recognizes the complete justice" of the new proposals "and expresses its readiness to fully assist" in realizing them.

Two Proposals Made

There have been two proposals—one from North Korea for the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners, and another from Chou En-Lai in Peiping for the repatriation of other prisoners of war. Under the latter proposal prisoners willing to return home would be handled by neutrals.

At the same time, Molotov strongly suggested the Chinese communists and the North Koreans should be represented in the United Nations. He declared this would greatly assist in settling all issues of the Korean war.

From this it is obvious the USSR intends to continue its fight for Chinese communist and North Korean representation in the U. N.

Clark Ready to Resume Truce

Munson, Korea (AP)—Gen. Mark Clark, the United Nations commander, made it clear today that the first concrete step toward a truce in Korea must be the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war.

But he told newsmen, "We're making all preparations and will be ready to go. We don't want to anything to hold up negotiations."

The U. N. commander voiced the same demand Tuesday in a letter answering an earlier Red proposal to trade disabled prisoners and to resume the suspended truce talks.

The plan Chou cabled to U. N. headquarters was first broadcast by Peiping Monday. It called for immediate exchange of all prisoners who "insist" on repatriation. The rest would be turned over to a neutral country until their future is determined.

March Cold, Rain Plentiful

March temperatures were slightly below normal and the rainfall a bit above, otherwise, the month was about a typical March, the monthly weather report reveals.

The average temperature for the month was 44.9 degrees, or 1.9 degrees below normal. The high mark for the month was registered on March 8, 75 degrees; and the low was 24, recorded on March 1. There were 10 days with a minimum of 32 degrees or below.

Precipitation for the month totaled 4.95 inches, or .76 of an inch above normal. The greatest 24-hour fall was 1.24 inches, measured on March 15 and 16. There was a trace of hail a time or two during the month.

There were six partly cloudy days, 24 cloudy ones and one clear day for the month. There were 17 days with .01 of an inch or more precipitation; 13 days with .10 of an inch or more; three days with a half inch or more.

Prevailing wind for the month was south, the average velocity, 8.1 miles per hour. Again the morning minimum was below freezing in Salem, Wednesday, the mercury sliding down to 30 degrees.

Bright sunshine came out early, however, to make it a pleasant spring day, but another cold night is in prospect, the forecast calling for 32 degrees or so tonight.

A heavy frost has been noted the last two mornings, although some early morning fog helped the situation in many sections, Tuesday.

Shortages of Ammo Listed By Van Fleet

8th Army Down to Zero on Some Types Frequently

Washington (AP)—Gen. James A. Van Fleet testified Wednesday his Eighth Army was down "to zero" on some types of ammunition after it beat off a Chinese communist attack in May, 1951.

The former Korean commander said, too, that restricted ammunition supplies forced him to pass up "opportunities every day" to hurt the communists.

And he declared he was stopped by orders from making an amphibious landing behind the communist lines in June, 1951, which he was convinced could destroy the Red armies in Korea.

Never Adequate Supplies

Van Fleet was the first witness at a Senate inquiry into his complaints that he never had enough ammunition during his entire 22 months in Korea. Pentagon officials have contended that ammunition was always adequate to meet the situation.

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Washington's View of Red Bid

Washington (AP)—Russia's endorsement of Red China's Korean truce bid was regarded here as making the offer more convincing. But U. S. officials noted that critical points of a workable armistice plan must still be nailed down.

This government was reported determined to stand firm on the principle of no forcible repatriation of war prisoners to the communists. Informants said this is a critical point on which the plan put forth by Chinese communist Premier Chou En-Lai must be spelled out in detail.

Chou's plan was generally assumed here to have the support of the Kremlin, in fact, it had not originated there. Some officials speculated that with Joseph Stalin dead and a new boss in Moscow, the Chinese Reds might have decided to strike off and reach a peace on Korea on their own.

Finds Army in Korea Equipped

Seoul, Korea (AP)—Army secretary Robert T. Stevens said tonight he will return to Washington to testify that the Eighth Army in Korea has an adequate supply of ammunition.

Stevens added that Gen. James A. Van Fleet, who made the charges of shortages before Congress, would have found present ammunition stocks adequate.

"The supply of ammunition is adequate for any situation with which the Eighth Army might be faced," Stevens said at a press conference.

"I am confident that if Gen. Van Fleet had been here today, he would have agreed completely with what I say."

"I thought when I came here I'd find it in good shape," he said. "Everything I've seen so far confirms that."

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 56; minimum today, 30. Total 24-hour precipitation: trace; for month: 6.0 normal, 56. Season precipitation, 36.41; normal, 32.54. River levels, 3.5 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

House Passes 283-106 Oil Tideland Measure

Washington (AP)—The House Wednesday passed and sent to the Senate legislation establishing title for the states to oil-rich submerged coastal lands.

The measure was passed after a motion to shelve the bill was defeated, 283 to 106.

The rollcall vote on final passage was 285 to 108.

CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER



Sherman R. Smith, Woodburn chiropractor, enters the office of Denver Young, Marion county sheriff, to be booked on a charge of manslaughter by abortion. Shown entering the door with Smith is Sheriff Young.

Chiropractor Faces Charge of Abortion

A Woodburn chiropractor returned a secret indictment against him Tuesday based on evidence submitted by District Attorney Kenneth Brown.

Sherman R. Smith was arrested by Sheriff Denver Young on a circuit court bench warrant signed by Judge Rex Kimball, charging Smith with performing an abortion on a 35-year-old unmarried woman. The woman told Brown she was about two months pregnant when the claimed abortion took place.

Accompanying Young at the time of the arrest was Woodburn Police Chief Neil Calkins, an investigator for the Oregon Medical association and newsmen and photographers.

Smith entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of manslaughter when he appeared before Circuit Judge George R. Duncan Wednesday morning. He had previously waived reading of the indictment.

Judge Duncan reduced the amount of bail requested from \$7500 to \$4000 after Paul Burris, Smith's attorney had made presentation that his client was not financially able to raise the larger sum easily.

Smith did not appear too much concerned over the charge against him and answered questions in a calm voice.

After his arrest, Smith gave the officers permission to search his small five-room establishment. The officers took a few instruments from his

Windsor Sails For America

Southampton, Eng. (AP)—The Duke of Windsor, a sad and lonely figure, sailed for America Wednesday just 24 hours after the burial of his devoted mother, Queen Mary.

The duke, who gave up the throne in 1936 to marry Wallis Warfield Simpson, cut short a Florida vacation three weeks ago to hurry home to the bedside of ailing Queen Mary. He left the duchess behind in New York.

The duchess has never been received by the royal court but there have been suggestions in the British press that the bar would drop with the death of Queen Mary, a staunch upholder of court bias against divorced women.

Mitchell Quits Civil Service

Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower Wednesday accepted the resignation of James Mitchell as a member of the Civil Service Commission and immediately nominated him to be deputy assistant secretary of defense.

Eisenhower sent to the Senate the nomination of George M. Moore of Kentucky to succeed Mitchell as a member of the Civil Service Commission.

The President also nominated Judge Stanley N. Barnes of Los Angeles to be assistant attorney general in charge of the Justice Department's anti-trust division.

And he nominated Gen. James A. Van Fleet, who recently returned from command of the Eighth Army in Korea, for retirement with the rank of general. Van Fleet's permanent rank now is major general.

Meanwhile, power company lobbyists buzzed around the capitol in an attempt to get reconsideration of the bill to permit court appeals from decisions of the hydroelectric commission.

title to the offshore lands within their historic boundaries. Truman, advocating federal control, argued that the lands belonged to the whole country, not the coastal states. Estimates on the oil value vary, but it is generally agreed to amount to many billions of dollars.

Voting for the bill on final passage were 188 Republicans and 97 Democrats. Against it were 18 Republicans, 89 Democrats and 1 Independent.

The motion, to send the bill back to committee, was offered by Rep. Celler (D-N.Y.) and supported by proponents of federal control of the oil-rich offshore lands.

O'Malley Fired In Prison Shakeup

Ouster Comes In Dramatic Night Parley

In fast moving action Tuesday night, the state board of control fired Warden Virgil O'Malley, took Superintendent George Alexander's request for retirement under advisement and installed Clarence T. Gladden, veteran federal prison official as the new warden with absolute power to operate the Oregon State penitentiary without interference from anyone.

This action, announced at an unprecedented press conference in the board of control hearing room at 10 p.m., followed study of a report by an investigating committee of three wardens who declared "the degradation, lack of control and general confusion in the Oregon State penitentiary is without parallel in our experience."

Gladden Well Trained

The new warden, who has accepted the task of attempting to straighten out unfavorable conditions reported at the prison, and who has been engaged on a temporary basis, is a resident of Tacoma.

Warden Gladden retired from the federal prison service just two months ago after serving 23 years in three prisons, McNeil's Island, Terre Haute, Indiana, and Leavenworth prison in Kansas. In the latter institution he was senior assistant warden.

Investigation of the prison by the board of control, following numerous escapes, reports of prevalence of homosexuality, use of intoxicating liquor by inmates, lack of discipline, began about a month ago.

After inquiry with the Federal Bureau of Prisons and the American Wardens' association, the latter group was requested to pick an investigating committee to survey the institution.

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Nuns Rescue 95 Orphans in Fire

Englewood Cliffs, N. J. (AP)—Nuns shepherded 95 orphan boys to safety Wednesday as fire swept St. Joseph's school for boys, atop the Hudson River palisades.

As flames shot through the roof of the three-story wooden building, the 17 sisters of the order of St. Joseph of Newark, led the grammar school age children from their classrooms.

Firemen had the blaze under control in about an hour.

One of the sisters said that about 10 a.m., a loud crash was heard. All of the lights in the building went out.

The sisters, who act as faculty of the school, lined up the children in semi-darkness. They marched in orderly fashion out of the building.

Fire departments from six surrounding municipalities fought the fire, which a nun said started in the attic sleeping quarters of the faculty.

Doukhobors Bomb Railroad

Grand Forks, B. C. (AP)—Railway tracks winding through Sons of Freedom Doukhobor settlements in British Columbia were reported "bombed" at points 40 miles apart Tuesday night.

During the same period a lumber mill was swept by a mysterious fire which destroyed an estimated one million board feet of lumber.

Royal Canadian Mounted police said the track bombings, at least, appeared to be the work of Sons of Freedom terrorists.

The first track dynamiting to be reported damaged the Canadian Pacific Railway's Kettle Valley line two miles west of here.

Later, the Nelson Daily News said 150 feet of track was damaged in an explosion on the CPR line at Tarrys, 18 miles west of Nelson.

The lumber mill fire was at Passmore, 24 miles northwest of Nelson. No details were known and police listed the blaze as being of "unknown origin."

CLARENCE T. GLADDEN, NEW WARDEN



New state penitentiary warden assumed his official duties late Tuesday evening following the discharge of Warden Virgil O'Malley by the board of control. Gladden, 58, recently retired after 23 years of experience with the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Prison Budget Held Up For Word From Gladden

Representative Henry Semon of Klamath Falls, co-chairman of the joint ways and means committee, said Wednesday that the budget of the state penitentiary would be held up

to the very last in order to give Warden Clarence T. Gladden an opportunity to submit a revised budget if he so desires.

"We want to give the new warden every chance to get off to a good start," Semon said.

Semon's attitude was supported by Reps. Orval Eaton of Astoria and Alva Goodrich of Bend, members of the ways and means committee who have been making a close check on conditions at the prison.

Rep. Eaton said that he believes the move of the state board of control in removing O'Malley as warden is a "step in the right direction."

"The report of the investigating warden," Eaton said, "confirms what we had found at the penitentiary."

Representative Goodrich said that as far as he was concerned as a member of the ways and means committee, a request for a full budget from the new warden will now get a sympathetic ear."

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Christie Jailed On 6 Murders

London (AP)—An owl-eyed clerk charged with murdering his wife and under questioning about the sex-thrill strangling of at least five other women appeared briefly in a crowded court Wednesday. He was ordered jailed for another week.

Gaunt, 55-year-old John R. H. Christie seemed nonchalant—even bored—with the eight-minute proceedings in the London magistrates court. His only outward sign of emotion was a single frown in his pale brow. He made no statement.

The prisoner was guarded heavily by police and detectives. Outside the court, a crowd strained against police lines or queued for the few available public seats in the courtroom.

Housewives carrying shopping bags and holding onto children jostled for better views. Extra police were on duty both inside and outside the court.

Building for Quarter Maintains High Level

Salem building permits for the first quarter of 1953 totaled \$1,475,343. City hall officials records show.

The total shows a stronger building trend than any other first quarter of the last five years except 1950 which was stronger.

First quarter totals for five years were: 1949, \$752,441; 1950, \$1,633,533; 1951, \$1,148,248; 1952, \$1,231,952; 1953, \$1,475,343.

By months the 1953 first quarter figures were: January, \$250,215; February, \$320,029; March, \$905,099.

Inmates Said In Control of State Prison

By JAMES D. OLSON
Conditions at the Oregon state penitentiary were found to be deplorable by a committee of three veteran wardens who in a report to the state board of control declared they had never "used a such lack of discipline or a situation where the inmates—not the administration—seemed to be the boss."

The three wardens making the report—Joseph E. Ragen of Illinois, L. E. Clapp of Idaho and G. Norion Jameson of South Dakota, declared that the trouble first stemmed from interference with the authority of the warden by a senate committee in 1951 who interviewed inmates and granted numerous concessions to them.

This committee was composed of Vernon Bull, La Grande, chairman; Douglas Yeater of Salem, Frank Hilton of Portland, Phil Brady, also of Portland and Stewart Hardie of Condon.

Committee Scored
"This action was a direct slap at the warden's authority" the report said, "and is enough to render him useless as the head of an institution."

"The present warden was new after this incident, and in our opinion, should have had things under control in much less than the year and a half that he has functioned."

The wardens declared that in going through the institution they were all impressed with the lack of any apparent organization, control or supervision over the operations of the institution and inmates.

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New Cabinet Welfare Post

Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower Wednesday signed legislation creating a new cabinet rank department of health, education and welfare, effective April 11.

The new department will be headed by Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, new chief of the Federal Security Agency.

This is in accordance with Eisenhower's plan to reorganize the FSA and give it cabinet status. The House and Senate each passed specific resolutions approving the reorganization plan.

Under ordinary procedure, a presidential reorganization plan goes into effect 60 days after it is proposed by the President unless either house of Congress specifically disapproves it.

The House and Senate acted to speed up the reorganization by giving the plan their endorsement.

Contract Let On Dexter Dam

Portland (AP)—The contract for Dexter Dam and powerhouse, a re-regulating unit downstream from Lookout Point Dam, on the Willamette Middle Fork, was let Tuesday at nearly five million dollars.

The winning bid was by McNutt Brothers and C. J. Montag and Sons of Portland, at \$4,945,530.

The Lookout Point project—part of the Willamette Valley flood control power program—is to cost 98 million dollars, including 12 million for Dexter.

The project is now about 75 per cent complete, the Army Engineers reported Wednesday.

Dexter Dam, three miles down the river from Lookout Point Dam, is to be completed Dec. 1, 1954. Its generators are to go on the line in April, 1955, two months after the final generators of the Lookout Point Dam powerhouse go into service.

ANDERSON TO LEAD FIFTH AIR FORCE

Tokyo (AP)—Maj. Gen. Samuel E. Anderson today was pointed to take over command of the Fifth Air Force in effective June 1.