

THE WEATHER

PARTLY CLOUDY tonight, Saturday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 38; high Saturday, 60.

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Bill to Nullify Court Ruling On Milk Sales

Committee to Decide Whether Measure Can Be Considered

By JAMES D. OLSON

Members of the senate rules committee are scheduled to meet late Friday to determine if a proposed bill which would, in effect, nullify the recent supreme court decision on milk distribution in Salem, will be allowed to be introduced in the senate.

The majority decision of the supreme court held that Safeway stores could purchase raw milk in the Salem area from producers who have allotments in the Salem milk pool, ship this milk to Portland for processing, and return to Salem for sale to customers.

This decision overruled a previous order of the state milk administrator ruling that the procedure sought by Safeway could not be carried out.

The bill which is now in the hands of the rules committee was offered by the state department of agriculture and the senate committee on agriculture requested clearance for the bill from the rules committee.

A discrepancy in the price of the same grade of milk distributed in Portland and in Salem has been revealed by members of the legislature.

Under an order issued by the milk administrator last December milk distributed in the Salem area is placed in two categories, the first being milk with 3.5 per cent butterfat and the second, milk with 4.0 per cent butterfat.

Prices established by the milk administrator for Salem requires 2 1/2 cents per quart as the retail price of milk of 3.5 per cent butterfat content, and 2 3/4 cents for milk of 4.0 butterfat.

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Senate Group Favors Merger

A proposed constitutional amendment to allow consolidation of the Multnomah County and Portland city government was approved Friday by the Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee.

At the same time, the committee buried measures to consolidate the 36 counties into eight counties; abolish the office of county sheriff in all counties, and to require that Multnomah, Lane and Marion counties must each have one commissioner from outside the largest cities in those counties.

All the measures were introduced by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, Portland Democrat.

Of the seven members of the committee, only three voted for the resolution to consolidate Multnomah County and Portland governments. The three are Sen. Phil Brady, Portland; Truman A. Chase, Eugene, and Stewart Hardie, Condon.

Slayer of Five Rejects Help

Dubuque, Ia. (AP)—An 18-year-old confessed slayer of five persons remained adamant in refusing his father's pleas to accept legal counsel today as authorities in at least two states prepared to ask the youth's extradition.

But the father, Mose McManus, Valley Stream, Long Island, brewery executive, after a third visit with his son Fred Eugene, said the boy's attitude had changed considerably.

"Now he is more like his true self to his dad," the elder McManus said.

He added, however, his son still would not let him retain an attorney.

"The family can use the money better than I can," the youth asserted. "I'll wait and let the court appoint an attorney for me."

The father said that although his son told him he "should go back to the family," he will stay on here as long as there is a chance that he can be helped.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 63; minimum today, 44. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0.1. Prevailing wind: S.W. normal, 15-25. River elevation, 56.51; normal, 57.74. River discharge, 2.4 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

School Bill Endorsed by Senate Group

Major Change Made in Order to Meet Objectives

By PAUL HARVEY JR.

The school reorganization bill was endorsed 6 to 1 Friday by the Senate Education Committee, which made a major change in the measure in order to meet objections.

The committee changed the voting procedure on school district consolidations, hoping it would win support of those opponents who fear that big districts would swallow up the little districts.

The Senate probably will vote on the bill Tuesday.

Purpose of the bill, drafted by the committee after 80 days of hard work and study, is to speed up the consolidation of school districts, and thus wipe out many inefficient districts.

A similar bill was passed by the 1951 Legislature. But the State Grange referred it to the (Concluded on Page 5, Column 3)

Record Easter Business Seen

New York (AP)—From coast to coast, big city department stores and neighborhood specialty shops were betting Friday on an all-time high in Easter retail business.

All major shopping areas expect to do better than last Easter, the latest surveys indicate.

Total dollar volume of retail trade for the week ended Wednesday is estimated by Dun & Bradstreet at from five to nine per cent higher than a year ago.

New England and the East gained three to seven per cent in the D. & B. survey; the midwest five to nine per cent; the south six to 10 per cent; northwest four to eight per cent; southwest seven to 11 per cent, and Pacific coast five to nine per cent.

Pelton Dam up Again Tuesday

The House State and Federal Affairs Committee will hold meetings next Tuesday afternoon on the Pelton Dam and civil rights bills.

The meeting on the Pelton bill, which would allow court appeals from decisions by the Hydroelectric Commission, will be held at 1 p.m. The bill was defeated by the House, and then reconsidered.

The committee will invite representatives of the Portland General Electric company, Fish and Game Commissions, and the Izaak Walton League to appear.

At 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, it will hear limited testimony on the Senate-approved civil rights bill, which would make it illegal for public eating, lodging and amusement places to discriminate against minority groups.

Merchants Protest Parking Meter Hike

Salem's Downtown Merchants Assn. today declared its opposition to a plan for securing additional city revenue by boosting the minimum parking meter fee from one cent to five. The vote which followed a spirited discussion at the Hotel Senator this noon was unanimous.

Merchants who spoke out against the budget committee's proposal for raising \$25,000 deemed necessary to balance the new budget said they sympathized with the city's needs, but that this is the wrong way to get it.

They were told by Mayor Al Loucks and Dan Fry, chairman of the budget committee, that if the parking meter fee is not boosted it will be necessary to increase the property millage, which will require a vote at a special election. Loucks expressed doubt that such a levy would carry.

In answer to questions as to why city costs keep going up the mayor declared that Salem

is growing and must make public improvements. "You will never find governmental costs stationary in a growing city," he added.

Speaking against the hike in meter fees were Morrell Cray, Adolph Greenbaum, Dave Holtzman, John Adlon, Sid Stevens, Harold Busick and others. The prevailing view offered was that raising added revenue in this manner is discriminatory, aimed at one class of persons, the patrons of the downtown business places, who will resent it and tend to transfer their business elsewhere.

Danger that a shift of traffic and business toward the edges of the town may lower property values and assessments for tax purposes was also expressed.

The merchants refused to be drawn into suggesting other means of securing the needed revenue, which most speakers appeared to recognize the city needs. That, they insisted, is (Concluded on Page 5, Column 3)

HOSPITAL BUILDING STARTS



55,000 Out in Rubber Strike

(By The Associated Press)

Two strikes which have made idle some 85,000 workers in rubber and steel plants continued Friday as negotiators planned new attempts to end the crippling walkouts.

The strike against the U. S. Rubber Co. spread to the firm's 19th plant Thursday night as 3,000 CIO union rubber workers joined some 32,000 other members who struck earlier in the day.

In Pittsburgh, top federal mediators were seeking to end a strike of 1,500 Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen which has resulted in the layoff by U. S. Steel of nearly 50,000 workers. The work stoppage which started Monday also has crippled the corporation's steel production.

New and continuing strikes in other industries across the country involve more than 20,000 workers, putting the nation's idle because of labor disputes above 100,000.

Tariff Study Favored by Ike

Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower apparently is planning to ask congress to authorize a special commission to study trade and tariff policy and its effects on international relations.

Highly placed sources, who may not be named, said the White House will send a special message to the subject to Capitol Hill in a short time.

The administration was pictured as concerned with this basic conflict of interest:

1. Many influential republicans are anxious to tighten tariff barriers against imports of foreign goods which they say are hurting American industry.

2. American allies abroad, however, are eager for lower tariffs and reduced trade restrictions so they can sell more goods here and relieve their critical shortage of dollars.

This is the "trade, not aid" idea urged upon Eisenhower in recent conferences with leaders from Britain and France.

9 Percent Cut in GOP Chief up To Committee

Washington (AP)—Secretary of the Interior McKay said Friday he has recommended appropriation of \$553,105,100 for his department for the year starting July 1. This would be nearly nine per cent less than the \$607,251,400 proposed by President Truman in January.

Department officials explained that in both instances the totals were for appropriations from treasury general funds and did not include expenditures to be made from a number of revolving and continuing funds.

McKay said he could not break down his proposed budget at this time to show how the \$54,148,300 reduction was spread through the department.

It was reported a big part of the cut had been applied to the reclamation bureau.

Ground Broken for New Hospital Wing

Ground was broken at 11:30 a.m. today for construction of the new wing at Salem Memorial Hospital on South Winter street and building operations started immediately.

The first dirt was turned in a ceremonial in which Mayor Al Loucks lifted the first spadeful of earth, and then each

member of the hospital board followed in turn.

Charles H. Heltzel, state public utilities commissioner, who is chairman of the hospital board, was master of ceremonies. The prayer of dedication was made by F. F. Wedel, who was hospital manager from 1921 to 1947. He is the father of Irwin F. Wedel, who is now superintendent.

Among other interesting persons attending was Sister Anna Doerksen Hayward, one of the three Mennonite Sisters who started the hospital in 1916. She is still on the hospital staff.

The new wing will give the hospital a total of 147 beds. It will join the present building on the south side, will be three stories high with dimensions 46 by 86 feet and will be of reinforced concrete construction.

The cost will be \$350,000. Of this amount \$90,000 was a government grant, part is from the hospital's own resources, and part from the campaign that benefitted both Salem Memorial hospital and Salem General hospital. The latter is now constructing a new building.

Architect for the Salem Memorial is James L. Payne and the contractor is A. V. Peterson Construction company of Portland.

British Jets on Tokyo Flights

London (AP)—British Overseas Airways opened its fourth and longest jet airline route Friday as a Comet took off from London airport for Tokyo, half a world away.

The flight, which began at 9 a.m. (1 a.m. PST), was scheduled to cover the 10,000 mile route in 36 hours—50 hours less than other BOAC Tokyo flights.

BOAC Chairman Sir Miles Thomas said the opening of the fourth route marked completion of a program for use of the Series I model of the Comet. He said the speedy transports already are operating "with full satisfaction and a great saving of time" to Johannesburg, Ceylon and Singapore.

Forecast for tonight is for partly cloudiness with temperatures continuing about as they are for Friday.

Friday morning was considerably warmer than for the past few mornings, a low of 44 being listed.

Adenauer Foe Steps Up Fight

Bonn, Germany, (AP)—Foes of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer seized on Moscow's new "peace offensive" Friday to step up their fight against his plan to rearm West Germany as part of the Western defense front.

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Good Friday Services Staged in St. Peter's

Vatican City (AP)—Grief-stricken Good Friday services in St. Peter's Basilica Friday as Roman Catholics commemorated the most solemn event of Holy Week—Christ's death on the cross.

Thousands of pilgrims and tourists from many lands, speaking a hushed babel of languages, streamed slowly and steadily into the great basilica, where Federico Cardinal Tedeschini officiated at the mournful mass of the "presanctified" host.

There were small pilgrimages from France, Sweden, Germany, Belgium, England, the United States, Canada, Denmark, Austria and many other countries. There were U. S. troops from NATO's

Tent Village For Sick POW

Hospitals Hastily Prepared Half Mile From Truce Camp

Freedom Village, Korea (AP)—A tent village sprang up Friday near Munsan to receive Allied sick and wounded prisoners if the Communists return them.

U.S. Marine engineers worked under floodlights through the night to finish the hospital village a half-mile from the United Nations armistice camp.

The village is divided into two sections—one a processing area made up of prefabricated buildings and tents, the other for the 45th Mobile Army surgical hospital.

60 Bed Unit for Wounded

Capt. Vernon C. Sorensen of Pasadena, Calif., adjutant of the 45th Mobile Hospital, said the 60-bed unit would care for the first Allied prisoners released by the Communists.

Twelve doctors, 12 nurses and scores of medical corpsmen will man the hospital, commanded by Col. Charles E. Hollingsworth of Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

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Stassen Agrees With McCarthy

Washington (AP)—Mutual Security Director Harold E. Stassen said Friday he thoroughly agrees with President Eisenhower's position on the controversial efforts by Sen. McCarthy to curb free world trade with communist nations.

Talking to White House newsmen after a cabinet meeting, Stassen said in reply to a question that specifically he agreed with Eisenhower that it would have been better for him to have used the word "infringe" instead of saying "the Wisconsin senator has undermined" government policy.

Stassen told McCarthy's government operations subcommittee on Monday that McCarthy had undermined government efforts to shut off trade with Iron Curtain ports. The subcommittee has been getting pledges from Greek shop owners not to trade with Red China and North Korea.

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Embrace in Car Costly For Woman

Dallas, Ore. (AP)—A woman living on a Dallas rural route spent four days in jail here before a fine was paid on her justice court conviction under the law prohibiting driving a car with a "person or other encumbrance in lap or embrace."

The testimony, said Sheriff Tony Neufeldt, was that the encumbrance was a person and in embrace. He said when the woman, Jewell D. Crockett, 33, Route 2, was jailed here, it was the first such prisoner held on that charge in his recollection.

He said she was fined \$25 and \$4.50 costs by Justice Elmer D. Cook at West Salem, on a state police arrest. After serving four days at \$2 a day, the remaining \$21.50 was paid by her sister and she was released.

Favor Hall as GOP Chairman

Garden City, N. Y. (AP)—J. Russell Sprague, Republican national committeeman from New York, announced Friday his support of former congressman Leonard W. Hall for Republican national chairman.

The endorsement cleared a major obstacle in Hall's path. Sprague and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey had been reported at odds with Hall since the 1948 presidential campaign, which Dewey lost.

Sprague said he would try to arrange a conference with Gov. Dewey, the state chairman and Republican national committee woman to obtain their support.

Hall was chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee in 1952. He was active in President Eisenhower's train campaign. He avoided endorsing a presidential candidate during the pre-convention battle.

In Garden City, N. Y., Newspaper, a Long Island daily newspaper, said a telephone check of 22 Republican state chairmen and national committee members "disclosed overwhelming support" of Hall.

Gruenther Sees Red Deception

Washington (AP)—Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, chief of staff to Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, said today that Russia is making "a major effort to oscillate the United States from its allies."

Gruenther discussed the Russian peace offensive at a news conference. He said the Soviet move may be "legitimate or it may not." Dealing with it, he added, will be one of the biggest problems America and its allies have to face in the coming days.

President Eisenhower meanwhile has indicated he will judge the sincerity of the communist peace campaign by the outcome of next week's negotiations in Korea for exchange of sick and wounded prisoners.

No Free China Sellout, U. S. Ambassador Says

Taipei, Formosa (AP)—U. S. Ambassador Karl L. Rankin declared today an armistice in Korea will not "be followed by a sell-out of Free China."

Rankin told a news conference President Eisenhower already has made clear that there will be "no breaking of faith with our friends."

West Hopeful Of Real Truce Korean War

Signs of Conciliation From Moscow Create Cautious Optimism

(By The Associated Press)

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14 Frenchmen Freed in Korea

Paris (AP)—The French Foreign Office said Friday that 14 French civilians interned by the Communists in Korea have been liberated and will arrive soon in Moscow.

The Foreign Office said that the director of the Soviet Foreign Office's Western European Division had confirmed the release of the French civilians to France's ambassador in Moscow, Louis Joxe.

The move was viewed here as still another conciliation gesture in the Communist world's current peace campaign.

The Foreign Office said it did not have a list of the civilians released but they probably included members of the Seoul consulate staff and a French newspaper correspondent of the French Press Agency, Maurice Chanteloup.

The consulate staff was headed by Consul M. Ferriche. The Frenchmen were captured in Seoul at the outbreak of the Korean War.

Ike Awaiting Sincerity Test

Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower will judge the sincerity of the fast-moving communist "peace campaign" by the outcome of next week's negotiations in Korea for exchange of sick and wounded prisoners.

If the communists actually deliver allied prisoners and then agree to a final Korean armistice, Mr. Eisenhower will be in a mood to consider high-level talks with Russia on other cold war issues.

Ike Encourages Moves

Diplomatic circles agreed that this attitude of the president could be discerned from his remarks at a news conference yesterday.

He said the United States hopes that an exchange of sick and wounded war prisoners will be quickly accomplished. Such an agreement, he added, would be heartily welcomed by this government as a clear indication that deeds rather than words are coming into fashion with the communists.

Mrs. Clare Luce Leaving for Italy

Washington (AP)—Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, the new ambassador to Italy, had a talk with President Eisenhower Friday and said he urged her to work hard toward "drawing the Italian people and all the people of Western Europe closer to us in friendship."

Mrs. Luce called at the White House to pay her respects before leaving for Italy on her new assignment.