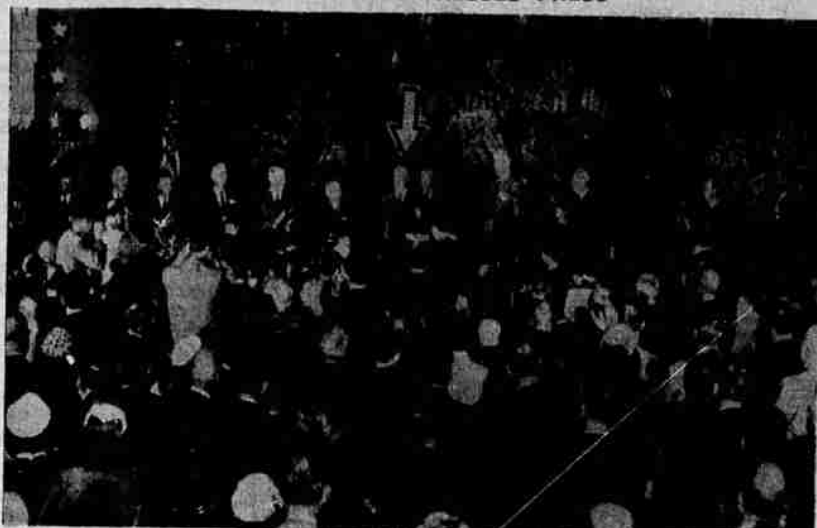


## THE WEATHER

**PARTLY CLOUDY** with scattered showers tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 40; high Saturday, 60.

## PRESIDENT ADDRESSES PRESS



President Eisenhower (arrow) receives a standing ovation from members of the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Washington. The President told the group that Russia's leader can prove their will for peace by ending the Korean war. (UP Telephoto)

### N.W. Gas Firms Plan Merger

Seattle (AP)—Gas firms now serving nine cities in the Pacific Northwest would be merged under plans revealed Thursday by Stewart Matthews and Sanford Berry, gas company presidents, in Seattle.

Under the merger plans filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Matthews' Cascade Natural Gas Co. would take over the Northwest Cities Gas Co., which Berry heads. Also embraced in the proposed deal would be the Bremerton, Wenatchee and Bellingham gas companies which Matthews also heads.

Matthews said the consolidation would effect savings and strengthen the financial position of the companies involved.

The Northwest company now serves Walla Walla, Yakima and Clarkston in Washington, Lewiston, Idaho, and Pendleton and Eugene, Ore.

Washington (AP)—The Federal Power Commission has called a six-week recess in a hearing on applications to pipe natural gas to the Pacific Northwest.

### Dulles Tells Effect Of Russian Rejection

Washington (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles said it will be necessary "to move ahead on all fronts" with the defense buildup unless Russia responds promptly to President Eisenhower's peace proposals.

Talking with reporters after addressing a closed session of the senate foreign relations committee, Dulles was asked the effects of the president's address Thursday to the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

Dulles responded: "It created a situation where it is obvious that unless there is a very prompt response from the Soviet Union in a great many respects it will be quite apparent it is necessary to move ahead on all fronts, East and West, to develop a strong position."

Some of the senators quoted Dulles as telling the committee there are "reasonable prospects" for an agreement with Western European nations for substantial increases in the size and quality of their defense forces.

After another capitol appearance Friday, Dulles was quoted as saying that "nothing in United States policy contemplates a trusteeship over Formosa."

### Burma Charges Chiang at Fault

United Nations, N. Y. (AP)—Burma laid a mass of evidence before the U.N. Friday to back up charges that Nationalist China not only controls 12,000 guerrillas inside Burma but is supplying them with American arms.

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### Calls Halt to Housing Costs

Washington (AP)—The House Appropriations Committee Friday ordered a halt to the government's low-rent housing program as it cut deeply into the 1954 budget requests of 23 federal agencies.

Its action, if sustained by Congress, also would start getting the government government out of the mortgage and housing business by ordering it to dispose of home mortgages it now holds and to refund local housing bonds held by the Public Housing Administration.

By committee arithmetic 61 per cent or \$721,423,697 was lopped from original Truman budget estimates of \$1,172,444,190 but some Democrats described much of the cut as "phony."

In the same category was a large part of an additional \$1,945,472,000 the committee claimed would pour into the Treasury as a result of its recommendations.

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### Loggers' Wage Hike Rejected

Portland (AP)—Employers rejected the CIO Woodworkers' latest move Thursday, a motion to submit their wage dispute to the American Arbitration Association.

A. F. Hartung, union president, argued the union was entitled to a 12 1/2-cent hourly pay increase, asserting that corporate profits have gone up 100 per cent while Woodworkers' wages have risen only 36 per cent.

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### REFUGEES IN HONG KONG

Hong Kong (AP)—Forty-three refugees, mostly white Russians, arrived Thursday night from Communist China. All were former residents of Shanghai.

### BA Contracts to Total \$4 Million

Portland (AP)—The Bonneville administration is about ready to place an order for more than four million dollars worth of transmission line.

It will be aluminum line, reinforced by steel, with a diameter of 1.6 inches. It will go into the Bonneville grid, including the lines of McNary-Ross, Chief Joseph-Snohomish-Kitsap line.

All told, there will be enough of it for 1,358 miles of power line.

The apparent low bid was \$4,078,784 from the Aluminum Company of America, with delivery at Vancouver, Wash., where Alcoa has a plant.

Officials said they would need further study, however, to determine whether a \$4,339,066 bid from Reynolds Metals company, Louisville, Ky., might be lower when freight rates are considered. The Reynolds bid was on an f.o.b. destination basis.

### Embassy Gives Ike's Address To the Kremlin

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### Ike Suffering Food Poisoning

Augusta, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower came down Thursday with "a slight case of food poisoning" but an aide said there was no cause for alarm.

The attack developed early in the morning before Eisenhower left Augusta by plane for his foreign policy speech in Washington and an informal talk at Salisbury, N. C.

The president went to bed shortly after he returned here Thursday night. His physician, Dr. Howard Snyder, said Eisenhower was feeling "not so hot."

The president himself told newsmen he was feeling "pretty good" as he stepped off his plane and headed for his vacation headquarters at the Augusta National Golf Club.

But he appeared weary and listless after a strenuous 12-hour day.

### Ike Nominates New Officials

Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower Friday nominated a Chicago manufacturer, Edmund F. Mansure, to head the General Services Administration.

This is the "housekeeping" agency which has charge of government buildings and does a lot of government buying.

Eisenhower also sent to the Senate the nomination of Norman Ross Abrams of Philadelphia to be assistant post master general.

Mansure would succeed Jess Larson as GSA administrator. Larson resigned soon after Eisenhower administration took office.

Eisenhower also sent to the Senate the nomination of two career diplomats for posts to which they were appointed by President Truman in recess appointments.

They are George Wadsworth of New York, ambassador to Czechoslovakia, and Jack K. McFall of Washington, D. C., minister to Finland.

### Gromyko Called Back to Russia

London (AP)—Soviet Ambassador Andrei Gromyko is being recalled to Moscow, a Jacob Malik probably will succeed him, authoritative sources said today.

Gromyko paid courtesy calls yesterday on Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who also is handling the foreign office during Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's illness, and Minister of State Eelwyn Lloyd.

There were rumors here that Georgi Zharubin, the Soviet ambassador to Washington, also may be replaced.

Gromyko is the second among Russia's leading ambassadors to be recalled since Premier Georgi Malenkov took over the leadership of the Soviet Union following the death of Josef Stalin.

### Heifetz Slugged In Jerusalem

Jerusalem (AP)—An unidentified assailant slugged Violinist Jascha Heifetz with an iron bar early Friday, injuring his right hand. It appeared he might have to cancel the remainder of his recital series here.

Heifetz was struck shortly after he played a sonata by German Composer Richard Strauss. Strauss' music is unwellcome in Israel, because of the Nazi ban on works by Jews.

Shortly after the attack on Heifetz, an anonymous caller phoned the Voice of Israel radio station and said the slugging was carried out by Hanorah Haivri Hebrew youth movement. The caller said Heifetz had better get out of Israel or the attack would be repeated. Hanorah Haivri is reported to be an illegal, extremist, nationalist organization.

The Israel Philharmonic orchestra, under whose auspices the Jewish-American artist is touring Israel, issued a statement condemning the "cowardly act."

### Property Destroyed By Youthful Vandals

Young candidates for state institutional care are causing city authorities no end of trouble in Salem parks by destruction of public property.

Twice this week all windows have been knocked out of one of the rest rooms in Bush Pasture Park, and other devilment has been done in the same park and others in Salem.

Thursday morning all the windows were found knocked out. They were replaced during the day, Friday night they were crushed out again.

And that isn't all. All the mirrors were broken, toilet bowls were filled with rocks, toilet seats were broken loose from the floor and the tanks dismantled.

Light bulbs were shattered, walls defaced with obscenities, and trash scattered about the floors. And, of course, there were the inevitable beer bottles. In other parts of the park outdoor fireplaces were overturned.

There is evidence that the vandals enter the park in cars, and fencing is now contemplated so cars can't get in.

Similar depredations have occurred in Marion Square and other places.

City authorities are considering the kind of legal action to be used on the vandals if they are caught.

"What will be done with them is, of course, a matter for the courts to decide," was one comment today. "But it looks like they need institutional care—jail or the penitentiary if they are old enough, the State Boys School or the home for mental defectives if they are juveniles. It looks like the work of morons."

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### Ike's Speech in Soviet Papers

Moscow (AP)—All Soviet newspapers published prominently today, and with unprecedented speed, a report of President Eisenhower's foreign policy speech.

The report was published in this morning's newspapers in the form of an official news agency dispatch with a New York dateline quoting the speech and giving a running commentary on it. Moscow radio also broadcast the Tass dispatch for foreign newspapers.

"The president devoted the major part of his speech to a justification of American foreign policy, including armaments and the North Atlantic pact, blaming the Soviet Union for the existing situation," the Tass dispatch said. "But he did not give any facts to support this."

### 2 More States Ratify Education Compact

Two more states, Idaho and Wyoming, have ratified the western state compact for higher education, according to word received at the state capitol Friday.

In doing so, these states have associated with Oregon, Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico and Utah in planning for the training of doctors, dentists, veterinarians and public health personnel living in these states that have no schools offering programs in these fields.

### 7 American POW to Be Free

Washington (AP)—Russia has notified the United States that North Korean authorities "are taking measures to release" seven American civilians seized nearly three years ago at the outbreak of hostilities.

The state department said North Korean authorities also have sent word through Russia that three other Americans, including a Catholic bishop, are dead and three others missing.

The Russian foreign office gave this information to Jacob Beam, American embassy minister, Thursday. Beam had asked Moscow two weeks ago to use its good offices in helping obtain the release of all 13 Americans believed held by North Korean authorities.

Press Officer Michael McDermott told a news conference the details and date of release have not been worked out yet. Moscow has promised to keep the embassy informed.

### French Retreat In Indochina

Saigon, Indochina (AP)—Some 3,000 to 4,000 French and Lao troops — fleeing over mountain trails in the kingdom of Laos to escape a strong pursuing force of the communist-led Vietminh—were reported near the safety of a strongly defended area.

The retreating column was marching single file from the town of Samneua, 108 miles southwest of Hanoi. To Laos' new key defense post of Xiengkhouang, 84 air miles south of Samneua but many more by the tortuous, densely jungled land route.

The town is a main outpost on a road leading to Luang Prabang.

### State Building Grab Lost in Senate 19-11

#### Effort of Multnomah County to Pass 'Log-rolling' Bill Fails

By JAMES D. OLSON

An effort to transfer the power for placement of state institutions from the voters to the legislature was soundly defeated in the senate Friday by a vote of 19 to 11.

The vote came on motion by Senator Ben Day of Medford that the minority report, recommending passage of the bill be substituted for the majority report which called for defeat of the measure.

**Lampont Leads Fight**

Senator Fred Lampont, chairman of the senate committee on public welfare and institutions, declared that passage of the bill, which referred the constitutional change to the next election, would bring about log-rolling in the legislature. He declared that under the constitutional provision restricting establishment of state institutions to Marion county, unless the voters decree otherwise, no new institution has been established in Marion county since 1908, when the constitutional restriction was adopted by the voters.

Senators Day and Lonergan, both of whom were on the minority report, contended that the bill was long overdue and denied that the purpose of the bill was to move the capitol away from Marion county.

Senator Day said that he did not know of any group better qualified to make decisions on placement of state institutions than the state legislature.

**Would Move Capitol**

Senator Jack Bain, however, said that the capitol should be moved to Portland.

"The only mistake that was made when the old capitol building burned down was that the capitol wasn't moved to Portland," Bain said.

Other Multnomah senators quickly repudiated their fellow senator, insisting that it was not the purpose of the legislation to do this.

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### To Lift Veil Of Secrecy On Tax Cuts

#### Senate Group OKs Publicity on Income Settlements

The blanket of secrecy on income tax settlements made by the state tax commission would be lifted in a bill approved Friday by the senate committee on assessments and taxation.

Under the terms of the bill information on reductions in income tax assessments made by at least two members of the commission and examined by the third even though he does not concur in the decision, would be made available to the governor who in turn would be free to make the information public.

Approval of the bill was urged by Governor Paul L. Patterson, who declared: "Secrecy is the hand maiden of suspicion."

The governor declared that because of the many rumors concerning tax settlements, passage of the bill would be in the interest of the state tax commission itself.

"During the past year or year and one-half" the governor said there has been a growth of suspicion on tax assessments and under the present law there is no way in which to either prove or disprove such reports.

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### House Repasses Welfare Bill

The bill opening up state welfare rolls to public inspection, amended to prevent radio as well as newspaper from publishing the lists, was re-passed 44-13 by the Oregon House of Representatives and sent to the Senate.

Already approved by both Houses, the bill was recalled from the governor's office because Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton ruled the original measure discriminated against newspapers by applying the ban on publishing the names to them, without applying it to radio.

The new amendment bans any form of publication, but some House members still claim it violates freedom of the press. They object that the bill, which bans publication of public records, might set a bad precedent for the future.

### Clawson Fired By Sec. McKay

Washington (AP)—Marion Clawson, who challenged the authority of Secretary of the Interior McKay to remove him as director of the Bureau of Land Management, is under formal dismissal notice.

McKay served the notice Thursday and gave Clawson five days to show cause why it should not become effective April 30.

Clawson, who said he believed his job was protected by civil service but knew he could not force McKay to retain him, said he was not surprised at the development. He withheld further comment.

### Ways-Means Finishes Work

The Legislature's Joint Ways and Means Committee, which passes on all bills appropriating money, cleaned up its work Thursday night.

The committee killed, 7 to 5, a proposal to have a legislative analyst, who would check on spending and operations of state departments between legislative sessions.

Other action by the committee:

Recommended an interim committee to report to the 1953 session on whether the state's money-collecting agencies should be combined into a State Department of Revenue under the governor.

Approved a \$3,828,542 budget for the state penitentiary, compared with the request by the prison for \$4,342,932. Warden Clarence T. Gladden was quoted as saying the appropriation would be big enough to do the kind of job the public wants.

Gave the parole board \$459,692, or \$58,000 more than the board asked. The increase will be used to hire more parole officers, as the board is about 800 cases behind.

Approved \$7,309,300 for the state hospital, or \$800,000 less than the hospital asked.

### Abandon Plans to Hold Sunday Session

Plans to hold a session Sunday afternoon collapsed as Senate President Eugene E. Marsh and House Speaker Rudie Wilhelm, Jr. said they think the session will run into next week.

They had considered holding a Sunday meeting only if the legislature could finish its work on that day.

The house killed, 31 to 25, a senate bill to ban billboards on newly constructed main highways.

When first introduced on behalf of the Oregon Roadside Council, the bill would have wiped out virtually all billboards outside cities.

But it had been watered down so much that some representatives didn't think it was worth passing.

The outdoor advertising industry lobbied hard against the bill, and some legislators feel the bill would restrict free enterprise.

A bill sent by the house to the governor would let the Department of Agriculture force landowners to eliminate ragweed, a prime cause of hay fever.

Another bill which the house sent to the governor would prevent doctors, chiropractors, and other healers from practicing while they are appealing from suspension or revocation of their licenses. This is aimed at alleged abortionists who have kept in business while appealing from loss of their licenses.

Some 50 appointive state officials will get salary boosts under a bill passed by the house and sent to the governor.

### Weather Forecast Shows Little Change

The weather outlook for the next five-day period is for little change from present conditions—some light showers, slightly above normal temperatures and cloudiness.

One-tenth of an inch of rain was measured in Salem for the 24-hour period ending at 10:30 a.m., Friday.

Partly cloudy skies and scattered showers are the order for tonight and Saturday here. So far this month only .37 of an inch of rain has been measured, against a normal of .37 for the period.

### Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 50; minimum 42, 48. Total 24-hour precipitation, .16 for month, 27.1 normal; 1.11. Season precipitation, 25.88; normal, 33.90. River height, 4 of a foot. Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.