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CLOUDY WITH occasional light rain tonight; partly cloudy, scattered showers, Sunday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 46; high Sunday, 62.

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Forest Code Face-Lifted By Legislature

Oregon Laws Revised and Brought Up to Date

By JAMES D. OLSON For the first time in many years forestry laws, many of which were passed 30 years ago and have become obsolete, have been revised and brought up-to-date by the 1955 legislature, marking completion of a forestry program aimed at clarifying and improving the Oregon forest code.

Prior to the convening of the legislature forest industry leaders and members of the state forestry department staff began work on bills designed to bring the forest laws up to date. Bills introduced in both houses were assigned to forestry and mining in the house and the committee on natural resources in the senate.

Incidentally, the committee on forestry and mining in the house, of which Rep. Loran Stewart is chairman, was the first house committee this session to clear its desks of all bills this happening more than a week ago.

Severance Tax Voted

One of the important bills passed in the package provides for a severance tax of 4 cents per thousand feet of lumber cut from all lands in the state—federal and private—for research work. This bill also provides for an additional 4 cent tax to be paid on all timber cut on lands directly protected by or under contract for protection to the state board of forestry west of the summit of the Cascade mountains and including Hood River county for emergency fire cost funds.

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Welfare Bill Sent Governor

The Oregon Senate completed legislative action Saturday on the bill to let the public see the lists of persons receiving old age pensions, direct relief, aid to dependent children, and other forms of welfare assistance.

It went to Gov. Paul L. Patterson with a 17-13 Senate vote, but with doubts as to whether newspapers and radio would be prohibited from publishing or broadcasting the names.

House members interpret the bill as banning newspapers and radio from using the lists, but the senators think such use of the names would be allowed.

The bill says no person or agency shall use the names "for commercial or political purposes of any nature, or for any purpose not directly connected with the administration of the public assistance laws."

No Revision of Constitution

The house-passed bill to have a constitutional convention in 1957 hit the dust, when the senate judiciary committee voted to introduce a substitute Saturday.

This substitute calls for an interim committee of 10 legislators, plus nine persons named by the governor, to study the question of whether the constitution needs to be rewritten or amended, and to submit its suggested changes to the 1955 legislature.

The senate tax committee approved the house bill to reduce state income taxes for parents of two or more children, the blind, and persons over 65 years old.

A bill creating a five-member state development commission, to attract new industries to Oregon was passed by the senate and sent to the governor.

GAS FUMES KILL TWO

Portland (AP)—Walter R. Bankus, 76, a machine shop operator, and his wife, Phoebe, 75, were found dead from gas fumes in their home Friday.

The deaths apparently were accidental, Deputy Coroner Anthony Waid reported.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 63; minimum today, 47. Total 24-hour precipitation: trace for month; .37; normal, 1.48. Season precipitation, 36.85; normal, 33.95. River height, 4 of a foot. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

Ways, Means Explain Action Aged Hospital

Chairmen Say Portland Hospital Plan Too Costly, Limited

Clarification of the action of the joint ways and means committee in asking the voters to "take another look" at the proposed "domiciliary hospital for the Portland area," was given in a statement issued Saturday by Senator Dean Walker and Representative Henry Seamon, joint chairmen of the committee.

"There is no desire on the part of our committee to thwart the will of the people as expressed in the November election," the statement declares. "It is only that we feel that the people who voted for the proposed 'domiciliary hospital' were not possessed of important facts which have only come to light since our committee undertook a study of this problem."

Act on Advice

The two chairmen said that they had acted upon recommendations of the superintendents of the state's two mental hospitals as well as other experts in the field of mental health.

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House Passes Building Bill

The Legislature's building program was approved Saturday by the House and went to the Senate, amid criticism that it doesn't include the proposed new mental hospital in Portland.

The program calls for \$3,297,000 worth of new state institution buildings, and \$3,840,000 worth of college buildings. Some House members objected that no funds were made available for construction of the hospital for aged mental patients in Portland, which the voters approved last November.

However, the House will vote Monday on a bill to refer to the people the proposition of changing this to a general mental hospital, and appropriating \$250,000 to buy a site.

Among the new buildings approved by the House were a \$2,200,000 State Dental School in Portland, \$1,500,000 new wing at the State Hospital in Salem, \$1,250,000, reformatory in Salem, \$760,000, chemical engineering laboratory at Oregon State College, and a \$600,000 journalism building at the University of Oregon.

Wilson Praises High Morale of Germans

Berlin (AP)—U.S. Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson Saturday described the attitude and industry of the German people as the most impressive thing he has witnessed on his three day tour of Germany.

Wilson had just completed an inspection of allied defense installations behind the Rhine River. He told reporters at the airport he found the U. S. Army "very good" and troop morale high.

Race For Legislative Leaders Lively Fight

The race for president of the senate and speaker of the house for the 1955 session of the legislature was officially launched Saturday when both Senators Elmo Smith of John Day and Philip S. Hitchcock of Klamath Falls formally announced their candidacies.

In the house, although no formal announcements have been made, the race is definitely between Representative Carl Francis of Dayton and Dave Baum of LaGrande.

In a statement, Senator Smith, who was chairman of the highway interim committee during the past two years and is now chairman of roads and highways committee in the senate, said that "promises of support from a substantial number of the members of the Oregon state senate prompt me to announce that I am a candidate for the presidency of the senate."

Senator Hitchcock was chairman of the interim committee

RIVAL CANDIDATES FOR VARSITY QUEEN



The five finalists in the contest to name Varsity Queen at Willamette university are pictured above. The queen will be named at the annual formal Varsity Ball next Friday evening. Left to right: Margaret Huson, Joyce Karn, Ann Laudig, Maxine Brown, Anita Tomning. (Story on Society Page). (Artz studio picture)

Winter Returns East of Rockies

Spring storms, some of them patterned for winter, hit wide areas of the country from the Rockies to New York Saturday.

There was all kinds of bad weather.

There were snow, sleet, hail, wind and dust storms. There was some cold weather, too, as the elements went on a climatic binge. Chilly weather was in prospect for some southern states.

Damaging forest fires, fanned by stiff winds, swept over thousands of acres of timber land in national parks in New Mexico and Arizona.

Some spots had fairly mild spring weather, in most of the southern areas and in the Far Southwest.

A band of precipitation 200 to 300 miles wide extended from South Central Kansas and the eastern two-thirds of Oklahoma across the Ohio Valley, parts of Illinois and Indiana, most of Ohio and into Northern Pennsylvania and Western and Southern New York.

Deadlock in Lanners' Strike

Portland (AP)—A spokesman for employers said Friday they were breaking off contract negotiations with the CIO International Woodworkers Union. H. J. Greeley, speaking for employers of 23,000 workers, said an offer for renewal of the present contract had been made, but that union negotiators had turned it down.

"We see no point to further meetings. We believe, therefore, that these negotiations are concluded. We leave our final offer with the union," he said in a statement at the close of two days of meetings here.

The union had asked a 12 1/2 cent hourly pay increase and holiday and vacation benefits. Workers now receive an average hourly wage of \$2.10 an hour, a union spokesman said.

Record High Tax Levy For School

Growing pains continue to pester the Salem school district, which means that residents will have to pay the highest levy in history during the 1953-54 fiscal year.

Supt. Walter Snyder, in anticipation of the budget meeting scheduled for the night of April 22 with the citizens committee, reported Saturday that the levy will be 48.1 mills for school purposes, an increase of 11 mills over a year ago.

Foes Filibuster Oil Lands Bill

Washington (AP)—Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) flatly accused foes of the offshore oil lands bill Saturday of waging a filibuster.

The Senate Republican leader declared the fight against the measure is holding up the Senate's whole legislative program. He rejected as "ridiculous" a proposal that the controversial bill be put aside temporarily.

Taft spoke out at a news conference as the Senate, in an unusual Saturday session, began its 12th day of considering the measure establishing the states' title to submerged lands off their shores.

The GOP leader had ordered the Saturday session, and night meetings of the Senate next week as well, in the hope of reaching a vote on the measure.

Twenty opponents of the bill sent him a letter Friday night proposing the legislation be put aside temporarily so the Senate could act on the economic controls bill. This controls measure, which would extend some rent ceilings, expires April 30. It was rejected.

Ike Puts Yacht In Mothballs

Augusta, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower decided today that yachting was too rich for his blood. He ordered the White House yacht, the U. S. S. Williamsburg, put into mothballs, because it is a "symbol of needless luxury."

Mr. Eisenhower has never liked the idea of a president maintaining an expensive floating White House.

The Williamsburg will go into mothballs at the end of June. Between now and then, she will be turned over to the Red Cross to run daytime river excursions on the Potomac for wounded servicemen hospitalized in and near Washington.

The Williamsburg was the creation and delight of ex-President Truman, who used her for everything from overnight cruises on the Potomac to long voyages to Bermuda and Key West. She frequently served as a floating boarding house for the Truman staff at Key West.

DA SALARIES HIKED

A bill giving district attorneys salary increases varying from \$250 to \$960 a year was passed Saturday by the senate and sent to the house.

Time Schedule Agreed on for III POW Swap

Exchange Starts Monday; to Set Date Also For Reopening Truce

Munson, Korea (AP)—U.N. and communist staff officers today agreed tentatively on a time schedule for Monday's historic exchange of disabled prisoners of the Korean war.

And they completed arrangements for a meeting of liaison officers tomorrow to set a date for resuming the suspended full scale Korean armistice talks.

The tentative schedule calls for the first exchange of sick and wounded prisoners at 9 a.m. Monday, 7 p.m. Sunday, EST.

All Delegates in Korea

All five delegates of the U.N.'s main truce team were in Korea today. They could be in Panmunjom, the weathered truce talk village, in a matter of hours when the fast-breaking developments of the past couple weeks add up to a call to reopen the stalled talks.

Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, head of the U.N. delegation, and Air Force Brig. Gen. Edgar Glenn, another member, flew here from Japan today.

Red Captives on Hunger Strike

Pusan, Korea (AP)—Some of the disabled Chinese Red captives waiting in a hospital here for repatriation went on a hunger strike because they were not permitted to cook their own food, the U. N. prisoner of war command said today.

The fast ended at noon today. The command did not say how many prisoners were involved or when it began.

"We have been bringing food to them every meal regardless of whether they eat it or not," said Col. Franklin W. Reese of Scranton, Pa., hospital camp commander. "They did drink the milk that was brought to them at each meal."

Dr. Otto Lehner, head of the International Committee of the Red Cross, who is at the scene, said. "If the prisoners of war refuse to eat, the detaining power is obligated to give them every meal and bring it to them anyway."

Hyde Named FCC Chairman

Augusta, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower today designated Rosel H. Hyde, long-time member of the Federal Communications Commission, as FCC chairman for a one-year term.

Hyde, 53-year-old native of Utah, has been a member of the FCC since 1946 and affiliated with either the FCC or its predecessor, the federal radio board, since 1925.

He replaces Paul A. Walker, whose resignation as chairman was tendered to the president March 13 and accepted.

Walker, a democrat, will remain as a member of the commission, however. Hyde is a republican.

Taft to Visit Ike on Sunday

Augusta, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower was reported Saturday "completely recovered" from an attack of food poisoning and ready for a golf match here Sunday with Sen. Taft R., Ohio.

The President's vacation headquarters announced that Taft will fly from Washington to Charlotte, N. C., arriving there Sunday morning. The Senate Republican leader will be accompanied by an aide, Jack Martin.

1000 Chinese Annihilated By Artillery

Seoul, Korea (AP)—American artillery almost annihilated an estimated 1,000 Chinese infantrymen today as they massed for counterattacks against Pork Chop Hill.

The big guns, firing in the light of giant searchlights sweeping no-man's land, ripped into a large force of Reds estimated at battalion strength and two reinforced companies.

The curtain of fire trapped the three Chinese forces, preventing the reinforcements from swarming up the slopes of Pork Chop Hill where hand to hand fighting raged in Seventh Infantry division trenches.

Air Force and Marine fighter-bombers pounded Red staging areas near Pork Chop with 80,000 pounds of bombs later in the day.

Sabre jets patrolled MIG-Alley but sighted no Red jets for the first time in three days.

Malik-Gromyko Posts Switched

London (AP)—Andrei Gromyko, Soviet ambassador to Britain since last July has been appointed first deputy minister of foreign affairs, Moscow radio announced Saturday.

He will be replaced in London by Jacob Malik, now a deputy foreign minister under V. M. Molotov, the announcement said.

There was no official comment on the Malik-Gromyko switch, the second major diplomatic changeover by the Kremlin since the death of Joseph Stalin. The other switch was the appointment of Vasily Kuznetsov to replace Alexander Kunyushkin as ambassador to communist China.

Both Malik and Gromyko have had long terms as representatives of the Soviet Union at the United Nations. Both are relatively young Soviet diplomats.

Premier Fires Police Chief

Tehran, Iran (AP)—Premier Mohammed Mossadegh dismissed the governor general, police chief and other officials of Shiraz today because of mob attacks on Americans there.

Mossadegh acted after U. S. Ambassador Loy Henderson strongly protested the stoning of American residences at Shiraz and burning of furniture in the Point Four aid offices.

Mobs cast stones at Americans' homes in Shiraz Thursday and shouted "Yankees, go home." About 30 Americans, including several women and children, sought refuge at the palace of a tribal chieftain.

Harvey Purchases Oregon Factory Site

The Dalles (AP)—The Harvey Machine company, which has had options on land on both sides of the Columbia river here, finally has purchased a site on the Oregon shore, west of The Dalles, for its 65 million dollar aluminum plant.

It is a 73-acre tract, bought from Harry L. Gordon. Revenue stamps in the county clerk's office indicate the price was about \$50,000.

UN Voices Hopes of Korean War Truce

United Nations, N.Y. (AP)—In a rare unanimous vote, the U.N. General Assembly Saturday expressed hope that the proposed talks at Panmunjom will result in an early armistice in Korea.

The action had been foreshadowed when the assembly's 60-nation political committee took a similar unanimous decision two days ago.

The resolution, originally offered by Brazil, provides that the assembly will hold off any Korean discussions here until the outcome of the Panmunjom talks is known.

The assembly will remain in recess, ready for a quick meeting, if an armistice or other Korean developments require action. The harmonious action was made possible Thursday when Poland withdrew a Soviet bloc catch-all peace plan which had raised such controversial issues as an immediate ceasefire in Korea, a one-third reduction in the armaments of the big powers and an immediate ban on atomic weapons.

Marines See Spectacular Atomic Blast

Flashes Blinding White Then Rosy Orange for Helicopter Maneuver

Las Vegas, Nev. (AP)—Twenty-two hundred Marines crouched in trenches Saturday witnessed the most spectacular atomic blast of the spring series, a shot that flashed blinding white then turned a beautiful rosy orange during an unusually long-lingering afterglow.

The predawn detonation, first to involve Marines maneuvering in helicopters, was set off from a 300-foot tower.

After the explosion the ground troops, from Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Camp Lejeune, N.C., scrambled up and advanced in a tactical exercise toward a mock enemy. Their trenches were 4,000 yards from ground zero.

Leap-frogging over them came 200 more Marines in 40 Sikorsky helicopters applying vertical envelopment tactics, similar to those carried out in World War II by gliders and paratroops.

Six Marines and six soldiers rode out the blast in trenches well in advance of the main body of troops. Authorities would not disclose their distance from the blast. Nine volunteers were stationed 2,500 yards from ground zero in a previous test.

The exercise commander, Brig. Gen. William C. Bullock, said there were no casualties.

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Reds Tear up New Clothing

Pusan (AP)—Chinese prisoners of war about to be returned to their fellow Reds are deliberately ripping their new clothing—apparently another in their long series of attempts to embarrass the United Nations and furnish fodder for anti-allied propaganda.

Dozens of Communist photographers and reporters have been at negotiation sessions at Panmunjom. They are expected to be on hand when the actual exchange of sick and wounded begins at Panmunjom Monday morning.

The Reds undoubtedly will try to make propaganda use throughout the world of pictures and word descriptions of Chinese Communist prisoners in dirty, ripped clothing—clothing that three days ago was new.

Both the Chinese and North Koreans POWs who will be repatriated to the Reds next week were issued new Army type clothing by the U. N. Command just before they left allied prisoner camps on Cheju and Koje Islands.

Red Prisoners Riot on Island

Pusan, Korea (AP)—Allied guards armed with shotguns killed four Communist prisoners and wounded 45 in putting down a bloody riot by chanting, rock throwing captives on Yoncho Island Friday afternoon, the U. N. prisoner of war command announced.

No. U. N. security personnel were seriously hurt.

Yoncho is near Koje Island off the tip of South Korea.

The POW command said the incident began when prisoners lined up in a stockade for a routine inspection refused to allow the compound commander to inspect the barracks.

Defiant prisoners barricaded themselves in their quarters.

Allied guards threw concussion grenades to break down the barricades and non-toxic irritants to force the prisoners out of doors.

At an apparently pre-arranged signal, the command said, prisoners in seven neighboring compounds poured out of their barracks to stage a shouting, chanting, rock-throwing demonstration.

Perfect Alibi

Memphis, Tenn. (AP)—Motorist J. J. Stankiewicz pleaded innocent to a speeding charge. "I'm quite sure I wasn't speeding because my wife yak-yaks if I drive too fast," he told Judge Albert Carruthers. Carruthers believed him.