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Saturday. Little change in tem-
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Volers Asked To Consider 6 Measures '54

Legislature Submits
Five Constitutional
Measures, One Bill

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Five proposed constitutional amendments and one statute were passed by the 1953 legislature and referred to the voters to be considered at the general election in November, 1954.

The 1951 legislature referred nine measures to the voter and nine laws passed by the 1951 legislature were subjected to the referendum, thus making a lengthy ballot.

While it is likely that some measures passed by the 1951 legislature will be referred by petition to the voters, it is not believed that the sum total of measures to be voted on at the next general election will be as large as in the last general election.

More Signers Required

One constitutional amendment which the voters are asked to pass upon would require that petitions for a constitutional amendment must contain the signatures of 10 per cent of the legal voters of at least three of the four congressional districts in the state.

The legislature in an effort to better protect real property from any future state taxes on real property passed a proposed measure writing into the constitution the six mill tax base approved by the voters at the last election. This measure has been referred to a vote of the people.

Another proposed amendment to the constitution would implement the reapportionment measure adopted by the voters at the last election by creating legislative districts from which senators or representatives could be elected.

Legislative Pay Up

After several hassles over legislative pay, which resulted

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NATO Asks for Quick Action Europe Army

West German Parliament Defies Adenauer; Votes Delay

Paris (AP)—Spurred on by the United States, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization formally requested five of its members to come to a quick agreement with West Germany to create the proposed European army.

Even as the allied leaders acted, the upper house of the West German parliament defied Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and voted to postpone its decision on whether to ratify the army treaty which would put half a million German soldiers into the two million-man one-uniform force.

However, Adenauer said the main sections of the law do not require approval by the upper house. He said he would go ahead and hand the treaties to the West German president for his signature.

Ask Early Ratification

NATO's request for early ratification came from the organization's top council, the foreign, defense and finance ministers of the 14-member nations, in a secret session Friday. It was their first action during the second day of a three-day meeting here.

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Knighthood For Churchill

London (AP)—Queen Elizabeth II Friday conferred a knighthood on Prime Minister Winston Churchill and invested him with the insignia of the order of the garter. The royal honors do not affect his standing in the House of Commons.

The young queen formally touched the 78-year-old Prime Minister on the shoulder with a golden sword as he knelt before her at Windsor Castle Friday night.

From that moment on, Churchill became the Right Honorable Sir Winston Churchill, knight of the garter, order of merit, companion of honor, and member of Parliament.

The order of the garter, founded by King Edward III in 1348, is the highest order of British chivalry.

Headed by Queen Elizabeth II, the order includes her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, her uncles the Duke of Windsor and the Duke of Gloucester, and 28 other members of royalty and nobility.

Used Midget Radios To Win at Gambling

Nuernberg, Germany (AP)—Three suave, middle-aged Germans are under arrest here for cheating at cards with the aid of midget radios concealed under their expensive evening clothes.

Police said the men operated in elite gambling houses throughout West Germany with phenomenal success, until the day they were caught with their antennas down.

A sharp-eyed croupier at a fashionable club here became suspicious and called in police.

Five Salem Places Get Liquor-by-Drink Okay

Applications of five Salem establishments and one each at McMinnville, Stayton, Mt. Angel and Lebanon, to sell liquor by the drink, were tentatively approved by the State Liquor Control Commission Thursday. They were:

In Salem, Senator Hotel Coffee Shop, The Ranch, Colonial House, Shattuck's Chateau, and Marion Hotel.

Briggs Food & Drink, McMinnville; The Gem, Stayton; Hotel Cafe, Mt. Angel; and Club Melody Lane, Lebanon.

The decision on when to allow liquor to be served by the drink in Oregon may come out of a meeting in Salem today. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission will confer with Gov. Patterson on whether to allow already-approved bars to begin serving drinks May 4, as originally scheduled, or wait until June, when more applications will have been handled.

In a meeting in Portland Thursday the commission gave tentative approval to 202 ap-

MAY QUEEN AT WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY



May Queen at Willamette university for annual May week-end, May 1, 2 and 3, is Miss Dona Mears, center above, senior from Roseburg. Her two princesses will be Miss Marie Corner, at left, Bothell, Wash., and Miss Jane Foshee of San Leandro, Calif., at right. (Story on Woman's Page)

Ex-GI Christine Stars on Stage

Hollywood (AP)—Christine Jorgensen, the ex-GI who underwent surgery to become a woman, begins a nationwide personal appearance tour here May 8 to tell audiences about "her own private life."

Christine will open at the Orpheum theater in downtown Los Angeles as the star of a variety-type revenue, written for her by top script writers and song writers in New York, theater officials disclosed.

The officials said the 26-year-old ex-man and her troupe have been in "secret" rehearsals in New York "for about three weeks." Part of Christine's act will be to discuss her private life, the officials said.

It was reported that Christine, known as George before undergoing surgery in Copenhagen, Denmark, will receive 50 per cent of the box-office take, with a guarantee of \$12,500.

Ike Presents Plaque to Doug

Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower presented Secretary of the Interior McKay Thursday with a plaque citing him for outstanding service to physically handicapped.

The award was for what McKay did while governor of Oregon. He himself was seriously disabled in World War I and spent most of a year in hospitals.

The President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped witnessed the ceremony in the President's office.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 60; minimum 44. 24-hour precipitation: trace for month; .54; normal, 1.91. Season precipitation, 37.15; normal, 34.41. River height, 2 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

Partly Cloudy for Week-end Forecast

Bright sunshine and blue skies featured most of Friday in Salem and the valley, but the weather man had to dampen the prospects by calling for partly cloudy skies tonight and Saturday.

No rain is in sight, however, and temperatures are due to remain comparatively mild. The five-day forecast calls for considerable sunshine through next Wednesday and temperatures to be slightly above normal. If there is to be precipitation it is to be light in the valley.

Young Salem Man Dies In Cycle-Truck Crash

One young man was killed and another was hospitalized with both legs fractured and possible head and internal injuries Thursday when their motorcycle crashed into the side of an oil delivery truck on Boone road a half-mile west of Sunnyside road.

Emmett Hoyt Henry, 22, of 4790 Skyline road, was the operator and fatality of the ill-fated vehicle. His passenger, Leslie Gene Peterson, 19, was treated by Salem Ambulance service attendants and rushed to Salem General hospital where his condition was reported as fair Friday.

The accident happened about 3:50 p.m. as the westbound Caldwell Oil company truck was making a left turn into the driveway at the Ackerson residence, 280 Boone road, and was hit in the corner of the truck tank just behind the cab by the eastbound cycle.

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Oppose Lower Farm Supports

Washington (AP)—Chairman Hope, R., Kan., of the House Agriculture Committee has put a damper on administration proposals that Congress act soon to lower farm price supports.

He told a meeting of the Newspaper Farm Editors Association Thursday night that farm leaders in Congress have no idea of changing a price support law providing for high level, rigid supports for major products through 1954.

Hope made this comment after Secretary of Agriculture Benson had told the same group demands for lower supports are coming from "grass-roots" farm groups, particularly livestock feeders who have suffered from recent sharp price declines.

Benson said it was not inconceivable that Congress might provide for lower supports on 1954 crops.

Circus Aerialist Faints on Cable

Washington (AP)—Twirling unconscious in the air 50 feet above the center ring at a circus, a pretty young aerialist was rescued by a fellow performer Thursday night.

Kitty Oriol, 24-year-old member of an act billed as Les Iriols of Denmark, blacked out while hanging on the end of a cable held in the teeth of Dave Oriol who was suspended by his knees from a trapeze.

She was held by a harness about her head and neck when she slumped into unconsciousness. As spectators shrieked, Mathias Corona, a Czechoslovakian high wire troupe member, scaled the ladder, unstrapped Kitty and carried her unconscious to the ground.

A physician for the circus—sponsored by the Shrine as a benefit for children—said Kitty apparently fainted from the heat.

2 Survivors Sighted 46 Wreckage

Seoul (AP)—Four U. S. warships fought and won a thunderous duel with communist shore batteries in Wonsan harbor Thursday to evacuate wounded from an Allied-held island at the harbor's entrance.

The navy, which reported the action today, said the U. S. warships defied heavy Red shelling to carry out the daring mission.

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The navy gave no further details of the action and did not say whether any of the American ships were hit in the furious exchange.

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Reds Returning 40 More POW, 17 on Saturday

Panmunjom (AP)—The communists returned 40 Americans today and promised 17 more for tomorrow as the United Nations proposed the exchange of all prisoners be continued until the Korean war ends.

Both sides have now agreed to deliver more prisoners than they first promised under the current exchange agreement.

The U. N. proposal to continue the exchange for the duration of the war will test the truth or falsity of the Communists' claim that they now mean to return "all" sick and wounded prisoners in their hands.

Those G.I.'s who passed through Freedom Gate today told of the death of more than 753 Americans on forced marches or in prison camps in North Korea.

It brought to nearly 3,000 the total of U. N. prisoners reported dead as the result of communist brutality.

"About 1,200 Americans started out on the march after we were captured," said Marine Pvt. Paul E. Clements, of Indianapolis, Ind. "Close to 400 did not make it. I heard other Americans were killed."

"There were 300 to 400 of us in our march north," said Pfc. Ambro W. Vampan of Maunapas, La. "I would say 100 Americans died of illnesses during those early days."

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Warships Win Duel With Red Shore Forts

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Red Menace Heart of Laos

Hanoi, Indochina (AP)—Three Red spearheads continued to menace the heart of Laos Friday and the French estimated that Communist China has tripled her supplies to the war machine of Viet-minh rebels led by Ho Chi Minh.

Gen. Raoul Salan, French commander-in-chief, said he believed the Chinese Communists had stepped up their supply of guns, shells, bullets, and explosives from 1,000 tons a month to 3,000. He said Red Chinese technicians and advisers with Ho also have been increased. These may now number 6,000 to 10,000.

Asks Grand Jury Probe Of Use of Prison Labor

State Democratic Chairman Howard Morgan asked Friday for a Grand Jury investigation of improper use of convict labor at the penitentiary.

The charge that convict labor had been used improperly was first made two weeks ago by Virgil O'Malley, dismissed prison warden.

"My party welcomes such an investigation, and the deeper it goes the better. We will most certainly resist any attempt to conduct such an investigation as a whitewash or to hamstring it in any way," Morgan said.

State Treasurer Sig Unander said in a speech in Lebanon Wednesday that prison conditions are "more grave" than the Board of Control realized.

Morgan, asserting Unander's statement "throws new light on the personal tragedy of Virgil O'Malley," said it shows

"how successfully the truth has been hidden, even from honest men in a position to observe it."

Morgan said that Democrats have been warning in the last three legislatures that the prison trouble has been caused by the "incompetence and political intrigues of Prison Supt. George Alexander and his associates in both parties."

"During that time Mr. Unander has been an official of the Oregon Prison Association and head of the state's major political party, yet his experience shows how successful the truth has been hidden."

"His recent statement is a tacit admission that the wrong man was fired, and that the demands of some of the leading editors in the state for a grand jury investigation of improper use of convict labor are fully justified."

Four Airmen on Army Transport Crashed in Hills

Seattle.—Two airmen survived a crash of a Florida-based transport plane on a Cascade mountain ridge early Thursday and two were killed, the Coast Guard reported Friday afternoon.

The report was received by radio from four rescuers who were lowered to the crash scene by helicopter.

The identities of the survivors and victims were not known immediately. The helicopter was flying four stretchers to join the three paramedics and one coast guardman already at the wreckage.

A truck also was being sent up an old logging road to get as close to the scene as possible.

All From Florida
Four civilian airmen were aboard the plane when it vanished on a flight across the mountains to Seattle early Thursday to pick up soldiers arriving home from the Far East. All four were Florida pilots for the airline, American Air Transport, Inc.

The first report from a civil air patrol search plane told of smoke rising from the scene. Robert Nuber, search coordinator for the Washington

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Plane Crashes At Sea, Killing 5

San Diego, Calif. (AP)—Five men were believed killed in the crash of a navy plane just off San Diego Thursday night. The navy said Friday a glove and a shoe were found among debris on the water.

The glove was definitely identified as belonging to one of the men on the two-engine RD-4 transport Pacific Fleet Air Headquarters reported.

If the shoe and several empty life jackets were found among wreckage debris off Point Loma, which juts out at the entrance of San Diego Bay, the plane was enroute from El Centro, Calif., to Alameda, Calif., with a crew of three and two passengers.

There was no sign of the plane itself, which apparently went to the bottom while the personal gear of the occupants floated to the surface.

GIs Hard to Indoctrinate

London (AP)—A Salvation Army commissioner, held prisoner in North Korea for 7 1/2 years, said Friday communist attempts to indoctrinate American GI prisoners backfired when the dubious Yanks asked too many embarrassing questions of their captors.

Commissioner Herbert Lord said the North Koreans made some ineffectual efforts to indoctrinate American prisoners with communist ideology.

Because of his knowledge of Korean, he was forced to translate the propaganda from Korean and read it in English to the prisoners. He said he did so poorly at impressing the Americans that he was relieved of his duties.

"The Koreans told me I was a bad influence on the Americans."

The propaganda said that one could see the great benefits of communism by looking about in North Korea.

Pilot Out of Ammo Blows up Red Dump

Seoul (AP)—First Lt. Frank T. Check of Seattle, flying a reconnaissance Shooting Star jet, blew up an ammunition dump Friday even though his plane is unarmed.

Check was flying reconnaissance over a North Korean village when one of his wingtip tanks developed mechanical trouble. He dropped the tank and it crashed through the roof of a mud hut.

The hut blew up with a great roar. Check apparently had hit a hidden ammunition dump.