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MOSTLY CLOUDY tonight, Sunday, with a few showers Sunday afternoon. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 45; high Sunday, 70.

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1953 Session Not One of Bitter Debate

Assembly Not Spectacular, but Impressive Work Done

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While it was generally agreed that the majority of members of the 1953 legislature put in more hours of committee work and were more serious in doing it than had any similar body of men in past sessions, there was a marked lack of spectacular debating on the floor.

For the most part there was harmony and lack of any great amount of personalities with the result that the ability of many of the members in floor debate was not revealed.

However, out of the 90 members of the legislature, President of the Senate Eugene E. Marsh of McMinnville stood out as a man who, if he desires, is destined to go far in Oregon politics.

Displaying absolute control of business in the senate Marsh displayed a spirit of firmness with fairness throughout the session, winning plaudits of both Republican and Democratic members.

Stays in Limelight

As the next in line for governor, and member of the state emergency board, Marsh will remain in the limelight during the next two years, and will doubtless add to the high prestige for integrity, ability and impartiality, which he has already won.

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New Citizens Get HST Letters

Washington (AP)—Rep. Bender (R., Ohio) charged, and immigration service officials conceded, Saturday that newly naturalized citizens still are receiving a congratulatory note signed by former President Truman.

Bender asked in a statement whether the service had heard about last November's election results.

New citizens, he said, are receiving "a full page letter of congratulations signed by Harry S. Truman and echoed on another page by Attorney General J. Howard McGrath." A spokesman for the service said letters bearing the names of Truman and of former Attorney General James P. McGrath, who succeeded McGrath, are included in a printed booklet issued to the new citizens.

Gold Smugglers Ring Indicted

New York (AP)—A federal grand jury has indicted 19 jewelers on charges of smuggling \$25,000,000 in gold to foreign black markets.

The indictments culminated at 26-month investigation into illegal gold operations by Secret Service Agent Edward F. Sweeney. He was praised by U. S. Attorney Louis I. Kaplan for turning in enough evidence to permit prosecution.

Among the jewelers indicted for allegedly dealing in black market gold were Joseph and Morton Stok described by authorities as the largest coin collectors in the country.

Also indicted was Charles Benton Berry, 64, retired Minneapolis real estate dealer, who was arrested in New York several months ago with a briefcase full of gold bullion. Kaplan said the Stok's black market operations in gold totalled several million dollars annually.

Showers Forecast Sunday Afternoon

Temperatures continued springlike for Salem and area Saturday, although the skies remained cloudy.

Friday's maximum temperature went to 71 degrees and little change in temperatures is expected throughout Saturday and Sunday.

There are some showers in prospect for Sunday afternoon, however. Even so, it is expected many home owners will get a lot of work done in their gardens this week-end. Rainfall has been very light so far this month.

BROWSING SHEEP IN ODD FELLOWS CEMETERY



Odd Fellows cemetery in Salem, overgrown and seedy, has been fenced into four sections by county and city effort and 100 head of sheep are now browsing there on a crop of grass and wild pea vines. Shown at the right of center in the photograph is one of the more historic tombstones in the cemetery. It honors Capt. Charles Bennett who died in defense of his country during Indian warfare in 1855 and proclaims that he was the discoverer of gold in California.

Rent Controls End July 31

Washington (AP)—The Senate passed and sent to the White House Saturday a bill to extend rent controls to July 31 in areas which now have them.

Some 5,600,000 dwelling units are affected. Of these, about 4,300,000 are in communities which voted last year to continue the controls under federal legislation. Another 1,300,000 are in areas designated as critical because of the growth of defense activities.

The House had passed the measure on Thursday.

The Senate action by voice vote came after leaders agreed to lay aside temporarily a submerged lands ownership bill which has been under debate for more than three weeks. President Eisenhower is expected to sign the rent bill promptly.

Present authority for rent controls ends April 30 — next Thursday.

The extension was asked by Eisenhower to give state legislatures and other local bodies a chance to enact their own control measures if they want.

\$1,800,000 for Welfare Here

Marion county was allotted \$1,800,000 for welfare for the fiscal year 1953-1954 when the State Public Welfare Commission met in Portland yesterday.

Multnomah county was allotted \$13,500,000, and three other counties allotted a million dollars or more were Clackamas, \$1,500,000; Lane, \$1,300,000; and Jackson, \$1,200,000.

The total welfare budget of the state was set at \$31,200,000, which is \$1,200,000 above that of the year about to close. Administrator Loa Howard said the county budgets were trimmed only slightly. Of the total budget \$12,280,000 will come from the federal government, \$13,770,000 from the state, and \$5,160,000 from the counties.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 71; minimum today, 49. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0.1 for month: .54; normal, 1.97. Season precipitation, \$7.13; normal, 34.44. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

Rumors of Big Plants Coming Here Denied

Persistent rumors that two large industries had purchased or were about to purchase land near Salem for expansion purposes are quashed by information reaching here direct from their head offices.

One of the rumors had it that the Boeing Airplane Company had quietly acquired several hundred acres in the valley north of Salem for establishment of a branch manufacturing or assembly plant.

The government had told the company, it was said, that it must, for security reasons in event of war, divide its operation into different locations, and that it had selected the Willamette valley in preference to the middle states. Further, it was reported that the company had transferred one of its key men from Seattle to Salem prepara-

Morse Breaks Record Talks Over 22 Hours

Washington (AP)—Opponents of the state-ownership submerged lands bill scored a temporary victory Saturday following a record-shattering marathon speech by Sen. Morse (Ind., Ore.).

Majority Leader Taft (R., Ohio), reversing his previous stand, moved to lay aside the submerged lands bill for not to exceed an hour to permit the Senate to pass a bill extending rent controls due to expire April 30.

Actually the respite was only 36 minutes as the Senate went back to the submerged lands measure. But it gave a lift to the opponents when Taft wielded in his oft-repeated assertion that he would not agree to set aside the bill for any other legislation.

President Eisenhower gave a boost to supporters of the bill, however, with a request for prompt action and an expression of deep concern over the delay of his legislative program in the Senate.

Morse spoke 22 hours and 25 minutes, keeping the Senate in session all night and far exceeding the previous Senate records for long speeches.

He told reporters who crowded around him after his speech of 22 hours and 26 minutes that his primary purpose was "to focus public attention" on a bill to establish state ownership of oil-rich submerged coastal lands. He opposes the bill.

Morse took the stand that the oil resources of these offshore lands belong to all the states—not just the few involved. He did not spend all the time on that subject, however, and dwelled too on such subjects as conservation, education, rural electrification and filibusters.

Airforce Jet Pilot Among 13 POW

Panmunjom (AP)—One of the 13 American prisoners scheduled for freedom here Sunday is believed to be an Air Force jet pilot. He would be the first Air Force officer to come back.

Reports filtering from the Communists' advance base at Kaesong say the flier is a captain and pilot of a jet fighter-bomber.

Farm Bureau Wants Support

Washington (AP)—The American Farm Bureau Federation has joined a congressional farm leader in tossing cold water on suggestions that high-level price supports for corn and other livestock feed grains be reduced next year.

Roger Fleming, director of the Washington office of the bureau, said his farm organization, while opposed to high-level rigid supports, is content to let such supports remain in effect through 1954.

Fleming's statement came Friday before a meeting of the Newspaper Farm Editors association. Thursday Secretary of Agriculture Benson and his press chief, John C. Davis, reported that strong pressure is coming from livestock farmers for a reduction in feed grain supports. Benson, while making no forecast of possible action, said it was possible that congress might lower feed grain supports at the end of this crop year in order to help bring livestock production costs in line with recent reductions in livestock prices.

COURT BLOCKS STRIKE
Cleveland, O. (AP)—A court order halted today a threatened strike by 2,300 members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen against the Nickel Plate railroad and its subsidiary, the Wheeling and Lake Erie Division.

Russia Ready to Talk Peace But Stands Pat on Policies

U.S. Battleship Shells Red Port On East Coast

Seoul (AP)—The battleship New Jersey pounded Songjin with the most destructive naval bombardment of the war Friday, burying part of the east coast port with landslides touched off by concussion of its 16-inch shells.

On the ground, U. S. infantrymen Saturday hurled back an onslaught by up to 750 men on the central front with heavy losses.

For eight hours the 45,000-ton battleship steamed offshore hurling everything from five to 16-inch shells into Songjin, some 135 miles south of the Siberian frontier, the Navy said.

Explosions shook the reeling city, three railway bridges across which supplies are funneled to the front went up in debris, and about 40 yards of track was ripped up by the battleship's shells.

When the New Jersey pulled away, part of the port was observed to be buried under landslides, which had come roaring down from the nearby hills.

In the central front fighting, U. N. infantry with bayonets, rifle butts and hand grenades cut down about one-third of a Chinese force that swarmed up to mainline position near Jackson heights.

Fifty Chinese attackers who jumped into the American trenches were wiped out. In all, nearly 200 Reds were killed or wounded in three hours of bloody fighting, the Eighth Army said.

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Reds to Reply On Key Issues

Panmunjom (AP)—The Communists are expected to indicate today (Sunday) their attitude on two key issues:

1. The sincerity of their request for "end-the-war" truce negotiations.
2. The possibility of continuing the present short-term exchange of sick and wounded prisoners until Korean hostilities are ended.

The answer to the first is expected to be given in this afternoon's resumption of full-scale truce talks.

Red reaction to the American proposal for continuing prisoner exchanges probably will be indicated when the Communists hand over 84 additional United Nations prisoners. Unless the Reds agree to an extension of the exchange arrangements, these would be the last returned under present agreement.

Seventeen Americans and 83 other Allied prisoners were freed today. Thirteen Americans and 71 South Koreans are to be freed tomorrow.

Seek 3rd Man In Coos Slaying

North Bend (AP)—Police sought a third man Saturday for questioning in the Friday strangulation death of Mrs. Ethel Gladys Moore, 40.

Two men were held in the county jail at Coquille as material witnesses and a John Doe warrant charging first degree murder was issued.

Ralph W. Plant was one of the men in jail and Louis R. Barlow was the other. District Attorney John Pickett said Friday that Plant, who found the woman's body fully clothed on her hotel room bed, told him they had been living together and that he found her body when he returned from a poker game.

Barlow, the district attorney said, was a friend of the couple who disclaimed any knowledge of the killing.

Sought for questioning is a man reported to have been seen in a tavern with Mrs. Moore the day before she was killed.

Coroner Brewer Mills said he would decide Monday whether to hold an inquest.

Powerful Atomic Bomb Explodes With Golden Brilliance Over Nevada

Las Vegas, Nev. (AP)—One of the spring series most powerful atomic bombs exploded with golden brilliance before dawn Saturday as 16 congressmen and 2,650 troops from all over the nation looked on.

Shortly after the blast touched off from a 300-foot tower at 4:30 a. m., troops climbed from their trenches 4,000 yards from ground zero and advanced in a tactical maneuver.

The shot, at the atomic energy commission's Yucca Flat test site 75 miles northwest, was a thing of beauty as seen from here. As it flared a sky full of fleecy clouds, invisible in the darkness an instant before, were momentarily printed with gold.

Observers at the control tower where the congressmen were stationed, 10 miles from ground zero, said the shock wave at their vantage point was the strongest of the series. It broke light bulbs and window panes in outbuildings.

The flash was seen as far away as San Francisco, 600 miles distant.

A navy AD-2 skyraider drone plane, flew into the churning atomic cloud, crashed. Such craft carry instruments to obtain scientific data, which is relayed to the ground by radio.

Fifty-two aircraft, including six B-17 Stratoforters and six B-50s, were in the air on various missions. The army maneuver was conducted by two combat teams of 1,200 men each. With them in the trenches were 250 military observers. And in trenches an undisclosed distance closer to ground zero were eight officer volunteer observers.

Ladies' Day at White House

Washington (AP)—It was sort of ladies' day at the capital, with the accent on foreign affairs and with President and Mrs. Eisenhower adding their bit to the goings-on.

The Daughters of the American Revolution DAR, the League of Women Voters and some 1,200 Republican women held separate meetings in Washington Friday.

The DAR, several thousand-fold, filed through the White House Friday as guests of Mrs. Eisenhower, who was enrolled as a member of the DAR during its annual convention this week.

The first lady shook hands with 673 in the first hour and kept at it for three hours more.

Railroads Keep Standard Time

Portland (AP)—Oregon residents who plan to take a train or bus Monday don't have to worry about the effect of daylight saving time in other states. Trains and buses will continue their runs at the same hours and by the same standard time clocks.

Planes, though, are a different matter. Schedules of some flights will be changed but not necessarily an hour. At this time of year many airlines adjust their schedules to the changed traveling habits of the public. So those people who plan to take or meet a plane somewhere starting Sunday had better phone the airline office first. They'll get the answer in local-city time. In other words, in Oregon the answer will be given in standard time.

More Atrocity Tales Told By Freed POW

Tokyo (AP)—"Twelve of us went to bed one night in a little room like this," the thin, blond soldier recalled. "The next morning . . . I was the only man alive."

Sgt. Albert L. Howard of Nashville, Tenn., said other allied prisoners r camp No. 5 dug shallow graves and said simple burial services for those who died.

The Tokyo army hospital room in which Howard was interviewed was about 12x12 feet. The death room was in a mud hut at a prison camp near the Yalu river, where he was taken after he was captured November 4, 1950.

Many men died at the camp of malnutrition, Howard said. "One day I remember ex-

actly 37 died. I helped to bury them."

He said every prisoner was a member of the burial detail. "A man would help bury someone else one day, and the next day he would be buried," Howard said. "The graves were only a foot deep. We said what services we could for them."

He said the deaths were almost all prior to June, 1951, when the Korean armistice talks began. After that, he said, the Chinese communists gave them more food.

Howard, 33, was captured at Anju, North Korea, November 4, 1950, soon after the Chinese communists entered the war. He was a member of the U.S. 24th division.

Top Probers to Meet With Ike

Washington (AP)—Three of Congress' top probers for subversion — Sens. McCarthy, R., Wis. and Jenner, R., Ind. and Rep. Velde, R., Ill.—will confer with President Eisenhower Monday morning, along with Republican congressional leaders.

The White House announced Saturday these three and Atty. Gen. Brownell would accompany the Senate and House leaders who regularly hold Monday morning conferences with the President.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said he had no information on the reason for adding McCarthy, Jenner and Velde to the list of conferees.

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Toll of Dead in DC-3 Transport Now 7

Tacoma (AP)—Toll of dead in the crash of a DC-3 transport plane carrying soldiers to MeChord Air Force Base April 14, rose to seven Saturday with the death of Pvt. Oatis Fincham, Culpepper, Va.

Madigan Army Hospital officials said Fincham had suffered a cerebral concussion in the crash and had been on the seriously ill list since.

The plane crashed near Seleck with 25 persons aboard. Six of them died in the crash.

Sharp Reply To Ike's Offer But No Abuse

By EDDY GILMORE

Moscow (AP)—The official newspaper of the Communist Party declared Saturday that Russia is ready to enter into "business like" discussions with the West to end great world controversies but made it clear the Soviet Union is not retreating anywhere along the line of foreign policy.

The Russian reply to President Eisenhower's April 16 foreign policy speech was spread across the entire front page of Pravda in an editorial. At the same time the text of the President's speech was printed on an inside page.

The statement particularly rejected what it said were pre-conditions laid down by Eisenhower for such discussions. It declared Russia was laying down no such pre-conditions and was ready for lots of discussion, but indicated it would have conditions to advance later on.

Not Belligerent
The whole tone of the Pravda reply was sharp and argumentative. But it was not vituperative or belligerent.

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May Be First Step for Peace

Washington (AP)—The White House said Saturday Russia's new peace statement may be "a first step toward something concrete" in settling cold war problems.

"If so," an official White House statement said, "the free world will continue to wait for the definite steps that must be made if the Soviet leaders are sincerely interested in a cooperative solution to world problems."

The statement was read to newsmen by Press Secretary James C. Hagerty as a comment on a declaration in the communist newspaper Pravda that Russia is willing to enter into "business like" discussions with the west. Pravda's page one statement made it clear, however, that the Russians are not backing down on their foreign policy line.

NATO Rebukes Soviet Policies

Paris (AP)—The 14 Atlantic pact nations Saturday told Soviet Russia that she has not yet displaced any fundamental change in communism's threat to the security of the free world.

In their final communique on the North Atlantic Treaty Council sessions here, the ministers of the NATO members said they would welcome "genuine efforts to reduce international tension."

They said that the Communist attack on Laos in French Indochina was only the latest example of policies responsible for aggressive warfare in several parts of the world.

The statement by the NATO council, coming only a few hours after a lengthy statement of Russian views in Pravda, appeared to challenge the Soviets to substitute performance for peace hints in settling cold war issues.

The communique said the NATO nations were fully agreed in their appraisal of the current international situation.