

## THE WEATHER

**PARTLY CLOUDY** with scattered light showers tonight, Thursday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 35; high Thursday, 60.

## Blazing B-29 Crash Fatal To 10 of Crew

**5 Parachute to Safety in Texas Air Maneuvers**

San Antonio, Tex. (AP)—A B-29 bomber simulating combat caught fire and crashed six miles south of its home base Wednesday killing 10 fliers.

Five parachuted to safety. A witness, Charles Smith, Jr., said he saw the crash from a mile and a half away. He said one engine in the right wing was afire. The big four-engined bomber wobbled crazily, nosed down into a near somersault and plowed into the ground.

Wreckage was scattered over a wide area. Nine bodies were found in and near the debris when rescuers reached the scene. Later a 10th body was found under a tail section. From Randolph Base

The B-29 was from Randolph air force base here. Authorities there withheld names of the dead until next of kin could be notified.

The B-29, the giant of World War II and first plane to drop the atom bomb, normally carries a crew of 11. Four instructors were aboard the plane, Wednesday, checking the regular crew's proficiency as they took the big craft through combat maneuvers.

The B-29 was within two miles of an auxiliary air field when it went down.

Five Use Chutes  
The Randolph radio tower received a call at 8:35 a.m. that the plane was on fire. That was the last word from it.

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## Budget Calls \$5.8 Billion Foreign Aid

**Approved by Ike; Truman Asked for At Least \$7.6 Billion**

Washington (AP)—The Eisenhower administration is reported drafting a foreign aid budget calling for about \$5,800,000,000 in new money from congress for the next fiscal year. Former President Truman had suggested at least \$7,600,000,000.

Officials who disclosed this to a reporter Wednesday said the National Security Council tentatively approved a program of this size at a White House meeting Tuesday.

A few hours earlier, these same officials had said the figure would be between \$6,100,000,000 and \$6,300,000,000 but that the specific amount was yet to be determined. The officials asked not to be identified by name.

In conference which lasted late into the night, the amount apparently was scaled down to around \$5,800,000,000. Foreign Aid Director Harold Stassen apparently lost a last-ditch battle in favor of the bigger amount because of the administration's determination to economize in foreign aid spending.

## No Action on Auto Insurance

State Insurance Commissioner Robert Taylor said Wednesday he has taken no action on the application by mutual insurance companies to reduce automobile insurance rates.

"We just got the information from the mutual companies last Monday. It's very complicated, and will take us some time to make heads or tails out of it," Taylor said.

The rate reductions would be: Twenty-five per cent for cars driven for pleasure, less than 7,500 miles a year, and only by two adults both of whom are at least 25 years old.

Twenty per cent for family cars driven principally by adults but with the children permitted to drive up to 25 per cent of the mileage.

Youthful drivers without family ties would, under the proposed rates, pay 30 per cent more than at present.

## Calpac Buys SP Building

The Southern Pacific company has sold to the California Packing corporation the building which the latter has occupied for several years immediately east from the passenger station.

This was revealed in the recording of a deed with the county recorder, carrying \$53.90 in U. S. revenue stamps. This means that the sale involved \$49,000.

It is understood the price does not cover the land that lies east of the plant extending to 14th street.

Other recordings involved the right of way for Southern Pacific company tracks that serve California Packing Corporation, Honeywood, Inc., and the line that extends eastward to Gear.

## Court Upholds Will Of the Late Verd Hill

Persons who try to challenge the wills of dead persons got a warning from the Oregon Supreme Court Wednesday to go slow.

The court, upholding a Polk County decision in which the will of the late Verd Hill was sustained, decided that Hill was mentally sound when he gave a big share of his \$87,000 estate to Constance J. Henderson, a niece.

Verda Frances Hill, a daughter, sued the niece in an effort to break the will, charging the niece exercised undue influence on Hill, who died Dec. 18, 1950, at the age of 74. She also charged that her father was mentally unsound.

Justice Harold J. Warner wrote the opinion, saying: "One who ventures to at-

## ACCIDENT AT CHEMAWA CROSSING



James A. Muzzey, 2310 Lansing avenue, received only superficial injuries in a collision between the truck shown above and an early morning southbound freight train at the Chemawa crossing today. The rear end of the truck was hurled across Chemawa campus to stop 100 feet from the accident. Witnesses said Muzzey was driving west, and that after the accident said he didn't see the train. Vision along the track is considerably obscured by trees. Muzzey was owner of the demolished truck.

## Churchill Touches Off Commons' Uproar

London (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill touched off a House of Commons uproar Wednesday by backing a War Office decision to let "Desert Fox" Gen. Erwin Rommel's former right-hand man inspect some of Britain's newest military equipment.

Churchill drew sharp labor protests by backing the decision to invite Lt. Gen. Hans Speidel to Britain next week.

Speidel, who after the war was West Germany's representative in rearmament negotiations with the Western Allies, is one of 180 Western military men invited to inspect the latest British military equipment for the next two weeks.

Churchill told the House: "I do not know of any reason why the former chief of staff of Gen. Rommel should be under any exceptional disability. On the contrary, in the height of the war I paid my tribute to Rommel's outstanding military gifts. I regard his resistance to Hitler tyranny—which cost him his life—as an additional distinction to his memory."

Laborite I. O. Thomas denounced Churchill's tribute as "an affront to the men who fought in North Africa" and termed Speidel "doubtless a member of the German officer caste who made themselves willing partners of the Nazi regime."

Churchill snapped back: "If Mr. Thomas' line is to be taken, there would be no peace possible between these great branches of the human family."

## To Quiz Bradley On Shortages

Washington (AP)—Gen. Omar Bradley, now in Europe, may be asked to supply final data for a Senate investigation of ammunition shortages in Korea.

Sen. Byrd, D., Va., said he had asked Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to supply as soon as possible any documents indicating a belief that the Korean war would end before June 30, 1951.

He hasn't received the documents, Byrd said in an interview, and he understands Bradley now is touring military installations in Europe and plans to return May 5 or 6.

Byrd, who has been active in the investigation by a five-member Senate Armed Services Subcommittee, is particularly interested in evidence that top level military and civilian officials believed during the first few months of Korean War that it would be brief. The fighting began in June, 1950.

**IF THEY HAD THE CASH**  
Berlin (AP)—Berliners drank an average of 87 quarts of beer each in 1952, city records showed today. In West Germany, the per capita intake was 55 quarts. Officials said the Berliners drank less because they had less money.

## Fired American POWs Land at Travis Air Base, Calif

**35 U.S. Soldiers And Marines Return Home**

Travis Air Force Base, Calif. (AP)—Thirty-five men released from Korean prisoner of war camps returned Wednesday to their homeland.

The giant air force plane that brought them from Tokyo landed at this base at 11:30 a.m. PDT, after a flight from Honolulu.

It had been showering but the sun broke through as the big ship taxied down the long runway.

"When Johnny Comes Marching Home" echoed across the field as the air force band struck up the welcoming tune.

Several hundred persons lined the field, including relatives of some of the repatriated prisoners.

**8 Hours, 20 Minutes Flight**  
The plane, riding a strong tailwind, made the flight from Honolulu in 8 hours, 20 minutes. The flight plan had called for about 10 hours. The boys were given a bit of sight-seeing as the pilot swung them over San Francisco bay.

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## GIs in Camps Went Berserk

Tokyo (AP)—Some Americans in communist prison camps went berserk because of "constant pressure" from booming loudspeakers and long lectures in the hot sun, a young California corporal said Wednesday.

"I can't estimate how many became mentally sick," Cpl. Cecil V. Preston, 21, of San Salito, said at Tokyo Army hospital.

"Sometimes a man would be walking along. He would see a Chinese guard, or one of the American prisoners we called 'Progressives', and would start chasing him. He would lose control of himself because he was so mad at the communists."

Preston said the guards didn't shoot because they realized "they were sick."

The Californian said that of 200 in his prison company "20 or 30" fell for the communist line. The other prisoners called them "Progressives," he said.

## Sub-Zero March Kills 300 POW

Tokyo (AP)—A liberated American soldier said today 300 war prisoners dropped out of a month-long march in sub-zero temperatures to a North Korean camp and never were seen again.

Pfc. George W. Gray of Ogden, Utah told in a Tokyo hospital how sick, wounded and undernourished prisoners survived the long walk.

"We helped each other," he said. "If you got tired, someone would help you along." Gray said about 4,000 to 5,000 prisoners trudged through snow in temperatures of 20 to 30 degrees below zero with only "the clothes we had on our backs."

"We had no blankets and we were not allowed to build fires to keep warm," Gray said.

The 22-year-old Utah soldier who was captured Nov. 20, 1950 at Kunu-ri said the prisoners tried to stay warm by huddling together.

## Safe Ammo Stations Found in Northwest

Washington (AP)—Two Pacific Northwest ammunition centers have been found to be the safest in the nation and will handle capacity loads in the near future, Rep. Don Magnuson (D., Wash.), said today.

Magnuson said the safety ratings of Bangor Ammunition depot, near Bremerton, and Beaver Ammunition depot on the Columbia river, were based on the number of people exposed at any given time to any possible explosion.

## Indochina Reds Raid Soldiers' Training Camp

Hanoi, Indochina (AP)—Communist-led Vietnamese troops raided a Vietnamese soldiers' training camp in the heart of the Red River Delta Wednesday and kidnaped 300 Vietnamese recruits.

The young Vietnamese had been mobilized for a two-week military instruction course in the Nam Dinh camp, 50 miles southeast of Hanoi.

A French Army spokesman said the raid, after midnight, apparently was carried out by the Communist-led Vietnamese with "complicity of the civilian population" of Nam Dinh.

The Vietminh troops were believed to have belonged to the enemy's Division No. 320, long concentrated on the outer fringes of the southeastern rim of the vital Red Delta.

The Vietnamese seized were part of those mobilized in the Vietnamese government's drive to put 54 commando battalions into field against the Vietminh by the end of this year.

They counted 17 Red bodies in the mud and estimated they killed five more.

Chinese Reds attacked "Vegas" hill on the Panmunjom front of Western Korea but got only part of the way up the slippery slope before United Nations defenders repulsed them with concentrated small arms and artillery fire.

French forces immediately took up the hunt for the raiders.

In the Laos sector, meantime, the French announced Vietnamese invaders have captured the post of Banambac, 40 miles north of the royal capital, Luangprabang.

## France to File UN Complaint

Paris (AP)—Authoritative sources said today that France is seriously considering bringing before the United Nations the latest communist aggression in the Indochinese kingdom of Laos.

It also was disclosed by France's minister for the Associated States that the military command in Indochina is to be organized.

A decision on a possible protest of the Red invasion of Laos before the United Nations may be taken at a meeting of the cabinet, called today to discuss the critical situation.

Government sources were described as concerned that the Laos invasion will become a first-class disaster.

Several ministers were reported to be for immediate "internationalizing" of the Laos invasion by an appeal to the UN.

## Power Policy Meet May 25

Washington (AP)—A Federal Power Commission hearing which may reveal part of the administration's basic public power policy was postponed on Tuesday until May 25.

The hearing is on the application of the Idaho Power Co. to build a hydro-electric project on the Snake River, in Idaho and Oregon.

Secretary of the Interior McKay requested the postponement. He said additional time is needed to complete a thorough review of the case.

The power company's application for the Oxbow project said a series of five or three low hydro-electric dams would be constructed on the Snake River, if a license is granted.

The project was opposed by former Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman who contended the dams would prevent construction of the multi-purpose Hells Canyon dam.

## Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 57; minimum today, 37. Total 24-hour precipitation for month: 1.61; normal, 2.26. Season precipitation: 1.61; normal, 2.26. River levels, 4.5 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

## Reds Suggest 50,000 Allied-Held Prisoners Be Sent Neutral Nation

Munich (AP)—Communist truce negotiators suggested Wednesday that 50,000 Allied-held war prisoners who do not want to go home be sent to an unnamed neutral nation in Asia. The Reds also agreed to bargain on the time needed to determine their future.

When the nomination of India was mentioned unofficially nearly a month ago, official Indian quarters said they were sure Prime Minister Nehru would refuse because of the past history of bitter violence in Korea prison camps.

**Bargain in Time**  
At the end of a 64-minute session at Panmunjom the three major points of dispute appeared to shape up like this:

1. The Communists indicated they were ready to bargain on the length of time needed to decide the disposition of prisoners refusing to go home.

2. There appeared to be room for compromise on the Communist nomination of an Asian country—as yet unnamed—as the neutral nation and the Allied nomination of Switzerland.

3. The Communists showed no sign of backing down on their insistence that unwilling prisoners be shipped to the neutral power. The Allies were equally firm in their demand that the prisoners be kept in Korea while their fate is decided.

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## Standard Time Stays, Portland

Portland (AP)—Portland city employees will stay on standard time working hours this summer. The city council voted 4-1 Wednesday against changing hours to give them longer evenings.

State law forbids daylight time for Oregon, but many firms here reported they would open an hour earlier and close an hour later if the city would take the lead and change its employees' working hours.

But with only Commissioner Nate Boody differing, the council decided to keep its present hours.

That was expected to rule out any wholesale changes by business firms. There have been some changes, including at the Portland air force base and the Albany Bureau of Mines laboratory.

The Central Oregon Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday night at Redmond heard a discussion of changing work hours and decided there wasn't enough interest to do anything about it. So a request for the shift was tabled.

## Bowditch to Head United States C of C

Washington (AP)—Richard L. Bowditch, Boston industrialist who started as a "trapper boy" in a coal mine 30 years ago, Wednesday was elected president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

Bowditch is president of C. H. Sprague and Son Co., which produces and ships coal and oil, and the Sprague Steamship Co.

## Television in Three Dimensions on Screen

Los Angeles (AP)—Television in three dimensions was broadcast Wednesday in a demonstration by the ABC division of American Broadcasting-Paramount Theaters Inc.

Part of a progress report on 3-D research to the convention of the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters, the telecast out over ABC's station, KECTA-TV. It was received on special projection-type sets that threw the picture on a 3x4 foot screen.

By viewing the screen through polarized glasses, it was similar to that in watching a 3-D movie although, like

## South Koreans Battle With North Koreans

Seoul (AP)—South Korean raiders killed 17 North Koreans and possibly many more in a pitched battle during a driving rainstorm today at the eastern edge of the water-soaked battlefield.

The original adversaries of the 34-month-old war fought toe-to-toe for an hour and 20 minutes before the ROK raiders withdrew under cover of a heavy artillery barrage.

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## Slum Clearance Law Held Valid

Oregon's two-year-old urban redevelopment law, under which the Portland Housing Authority wants to carry out a slum clearance project in the Vaughn street area, was held constitutional Wednesday by the state supreme court.

The suit was brought by Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Foeller, who own property in the Vaughn street district. They sued the Portland housing authority.

Justice George Rosman, who wrote the unanimous opinion, said:

"The ultimate result which the challenged statute seeks to achieve is to eliminate conditions which cause fires and breeds vice, poverty or disease, and to substitute for them a use of the property which will render impossible future blight."

"It may be that the measure is ill advised and may prove eventually to be a disappointment, but the wisdom of enactments is a legislative and not a judicial question. The legislature has the right to experiment with new modes of dealing with old evils."

The decision upheld Circuit Judge James W. Crawford of Portland.

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