

THE WEATHER

INCREASING CLOUDINESS tonight, possibly light showers and slightly cooler, Wednesday. Low tonight, 52; high Wednesday, 75.

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New Foreign Aid Bill Sent To Congress

\$5.8 Billion Sought as Defense Against Red Threat

Washington (AP)—The Eisenhower administration asked Congress Tuesday for \$5,828,000,000 in new foreign aid as a necessary defense for America itself against "the Soviet threat."

President Eisenhower made the main plea in a special message to the lawmakers. The detailed presentation was made by a parade of cabinet members, backed by Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in testimony to a joint session of the Senate Foreign Relations and House Foreign Affairs committees.

"The basic purpose of this program is simply the long-term security of the United States living in the shadow of the Soviet threat," the presidential message said.

Secretary of State Dulles, leading off before the congressional committees, made virtually the same argument in different words, and told the congress members that if there is any error in the total figures the mistake has been in setting them too low.

To Cut 200,000 From U.S. Army

Washington (AP)—Republican congressional leaders said today President Eisenhower's plan to trim 200,000 men from the armed forces will not impair the "real security" of the nation.

Democrats privately expressed misgivings, but declined public comment at this time. Several indicated they are holding their fire until Mr. Eisenhower formally announces the reduction.

Defense officials let it be known yesterday that the administration's economy blueprint cuts military strength from the present 3,500,000 men to about 3,300,000 men during the 1954 fiscal year beginning July 1.

Record Heat Wave for May 4

Salem and valley regions "sweltered" in summer temperatures Monday. At Salem the mercury zoomed up to 85 degrees at 4 p.m. for the highest May 4 temperature on record here.

The forecast calls for increasing cloudiness tonight and Wednesday with possibility of light showers late Wednesday or Thursday.

All Oregon was hit by the "heat wave" of Monday and low humidities made the weather a bit uncomfortable. Medford had the top mark in the state with a maximum of 89 degrees.

Senate Passes Tidelands Oil Bill 55 to 35

All Amendments Defeated as Long Filibuster Ends

Washington (AP)—The Senate Tuesday passed the hotly-contested legislation to establish state ownership of off-shore oil lands. On a roll call, 55 senators voted for the bill and 35 against.

The vote ended the longest Senate debate in 15 years and sent the Eisenhower-backed measure to the House which had passed its own version of the bill five weeks ago.

Senate passage followed defeat of a series of amendments sponsored by opponents and designed to nullify or minimize what they termed a "gigantic giveaway" for federal property worth billions.

Dulles Hits at McCarthy Again

Washington (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles sharply challenged Tuesday the view that friendly and Allied nations should be pressured to cut off all trade with communist nations.

Dulles said in testimony prepared for a congressional committee hearing on the mutual security program that "there are many forces at work within the United States which would result in a further abdication of leadership."

Among those forces he listed "those who would seek to impose upon our friends and Allies additional restrictions upon their trade with the communist world even in terms of 'non-strategic articles.'"

While Dulles carefully chosen words made no reference to Sen. McCarthy (R., Wis.), he expressed his views on the subject of Red trade a day after McCarthy abruptly broke off hearings on the issue with the demand to know what Dulles thought about banning all Allied trade with Red China.

Blast and Blaze Hit Texarkana

Texarkana (AP)—Explosion and fire leveled nearly half a block of business firms here Tuesday.

The only reported injury was to a Negro who was cut by glass while helping firemen fight the blaze. The wreckage was being searched for bodies.

Fire Chief S. F. Walsh said the blast probably was caused by accumulated gas. He called it the worst in Texarkana history.

The explosion occurred about 2:45 a.m. and knocked out half a dozen business firms. The business section is adjacent to a Negro residential area in the Arkansas side of Texarkana.

Plate glass windows for seven blocks around were knocked out. Clothing and other goods was blown in shreds a block and a half.



Shown in this photograph is the six man crew of Vernie Jarl, Gresham contractor for a section of the East Salem By-Pass route, placing 36-in culvert pipe across the new route a half mile south of East State street. Jarl and other contractors along the route will begin extensive operations as weather conditions permit.

Grain Elevator At Halsey Burns

Halsey, Ore. (AP)—Fire destroyed a seed and grain elevator here Tuesday with loss estimated at more than \$200,000.

The early morning fire at the Highway 99 town 20 miles north of Eugene, brought fire companies from Albany, Harrisburg, Brownsville and Shedd as well as the Halsey company.

The building, a 250 by 80 foot two-story structure, housed Cross Brothers Seed and Grain, Inc.

The owners, Elden, Jess and George Cross, reported it fully insured. They said it was about 75 per cent filled with seed and grain.

There were two boxcars on a Southern Pacific siding near the plant when the fire broke out. One, filled with lumber, was pulled to safety. The other, filled with beet pulp for use in cattle feed, burned.

Fire Chief Frank G. Gansle of Halsey made the damage estimate. He said it took into consideration the fact that there would be some salvage.

Blast Rips Portland Foundry, Injures Two

Portland (AP)—An explosion at the Electric Steel foundry here last night ripped a hole in the side of the structure and injured two workmen.

Critically injured in the blast was Raphael J. Koessler, 21. He was in St. Vincent's hospital where it was reported he suffered third degree burns about the face and arms. The second man, Clarence F. Adams, 43, was treated for an abrasion over his eye and released.

A fleet of more than 100 navy ships remained well scattered off the coast to avoid destruction in mass by enemy atomic bombs.

Ike's Conference with Governors Successful

Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower's conference of governors ended Tuesday and Gov. Allan Shivers of Texas hailed the sessions as showing a trend away from making the states "a branch of the federal government."

The two-day gathering was concluded shortly after Eisenhower went before the executives to thank them for coming to Washington and for making suggestions designed to improve federal-state relations.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told newsmen the President also expressed the hope that similar conferences will be held in the future.

Eisenhower called the meeting to give the governors of the states and territories a first-hand report on problems facing the free world and on America's role in helping to solve them.

Shivers, chairman of the 1953 conference of state governors, told a news conference he and his colleagues found the confidential sessions "not only enjoyable, but profitable and very beneficial."

Shivers talked only in general terms, noting that the discussions were confidential and that the executives had been asked not to disclose the details of information they received.

The governors were impressed, Shivers said, by an attitude on the part of administration officials of wanting to cooperate in every possible way with the state governments.

Hagerty said Eisenhower, in his closing remarks, expressed the hope that the conference would lead to better all-around cooperation between the states and the federal government.

Exercises Held For Atomic War

Camp Pendleton, Calif. (AP)—The new U.S. Third Marine division graduated here Tuesday in an atomic war amphibious exercise which was aimed at liberating the southwestern United States from an invader.

McKay Rules Against Big Hells Canyon Dam

Last of Freed American POW On Way Home

Honolulu (AP)—The second of three big air force transports carrying the last group of 149 liberated Americans from Red prison camps landed in Honolulu Tuesday.

With 19 U.S. fighting men aboard, the plane touched down at 4:18 a.m., 6:18 a.m., PST.

The third transport, carrying 12 Americans, two Canadians and six Colombians, left Tokyo at 8 p.m. Tokyo time, 1 a.m. DST, for the 17-hour journey eastward across the broad Pacific.

The first of the three planes landed Monday night. There has been no announcement as to when any of the three groups would leave for Travis air force base, the next stop on the homeward journey 40 miles northeast of San Francisco.

There were four litter cases in the group that arrived sleepy but happy early Tuesday morning.

The men stumbled sleepily down the ramp into a waiting ambulance blinking and rubbing their eyes.

Harrison Raps Stalling Reds

Panmunjon, Korea (AP)—The United Nations chief trustee delegate accused the Communists today of using a "negotiating smokescreen" and said he saw no evidence they "really desire" a Korean armistice.

Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison was irked by the Communists' refusal to accept Pakistan as neutral custodian of 48,000 Red prisoners who do not want to go home after the Reds had said they "welcomed" his nomination of that country.

"We have been negotiating about nine days now," Harrison said, "and up to the moment I have had nothing to indicate the Communists really desire an armistice."

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Mary Pickford to Be In Salem Saturday

Mary Pickford, "America's Sweetheart," will visit Salem Saturday and speak at a 12:30 p.m. luncheon to be held in the Marion Hotel under the sponsorship of the women's service clubs of Salem in behalf of the Women's Crusade for Security, which is promoting U.S. savings bond sales.

Mrs. Donald Reinke, city chairman of the group and president of the Salem Soroptimist club, said so far as she knew the luncheon would be Miss Pickford's only appearance here. She is also to be in Portland that day.

Civil Rights for T-H Labor Bill

Washington (AP)—Sen. Ives (R.-N.Y.) proposed amending the Taft-Hartley Act to prevent any discrimination by an employer or labor union against any worker because of race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry.

Naval Siege Renewed on Korean Ports

Seoul, Korea (AP)—Four warships and dive bombers from aircraft carriers hit the east coast port of Wonsan today in one of the heaviest assaults in the longest naval siege in history.

The battleship New Jersey, which bombarded Wonsan for several hours yesterday, teamed up with the cruiser Bremerton and the destroyers Twining and Colahan in a concerted assault on the city and harbor.

A fleet of carrier-based fighter bombers "followed through" with overhead attacks on strategic military targets in and around Wonsan. First naval reports of the action said the New Jersey's 16-inch guns "completely destroyed" a main observation post overlooking the harbor.

House Rejects Former Stand

Washington (AP)—In a sudden reversal of form, the house Tuesday voted against giving the heads of the State, Justice and Commerce Departments sweeping power to fire employees.

By a roll call vote of 181 to 167 it struck from the three-department appropriation bill language that would have given the department heads "absolute discretion" to fire employees when they deemed it necessary in the interest of the United States.

Less than an hour earlier it had defeated, by standing and voice vote, amendments to strike the firing provision from the bill.

Democrats led the fight that removed the provision. They picked up some republican support, mainly from members who said they feared the firing power might be used to get around civil service and veterans preference laws.

Norblad Irked By Booklet

Washington (AP)—Rep. Walter Norblad R., Ore., today rapped the U.S. Office of Education for spending taxpayers' money to publish a 100-page booklet on education in Turkey.

The congressman from Astoria, Ore., said the booklet is a thorough and detailed tabulation of the entire educational system of Turkey from the village school to the colleges and is intended primarily for use of American students transferring to Turkish schools.

"It would seem to me that such a transfer would be extremely rare and remote and certainly not of sufficient consequence to warrant your spending taxpayers funds to send a man to Turkey to gather this data and have it published," Norblad said in a letter to the U.S. commissioner of education.

Reds By-Pass French Posts

Hanoi, Indochina (AP)—Communist-led Vietminh leaders reinforced their troops encircling two stoutly defended French-Laotian posts in the mountains north of Luang Prabang Tuesday. But the invaders continued to shy clear of any direct assault upon the royal Laotian capital.

The Vietminh added new troops to forces surrounding the defending posts at Muongkhoua, 90 miles north of Luang Prabang, and Muongsai, 30 miles northwest of the royal capital. Both posts have beaten off repeated attacks during the last three weeks.

French and Laotian patrols, meanwhile, were unable to make any contact with Vietminh forces in the area north and east of Luang Prabang, where the Communist-led rebels have been concentrated, and around the Plain des Jars, 70 miles east of Luang Prabang.

Favors Idaho Power Co. Dam On Snake River

Washington (AP)—Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay said Tuesday his department is withdrawing its opposition to the Idaho Power Co. plan to construct several power dams in the Snake river on the Idaho-Oregon border.

His decision, announced at a crowded news conference, reversed action taken by the department in the Truman administration, which fought the company's plan and sought to build a government dam at a nearby site in Hells Canyon.

McKay's statement, read by Interior Undersecretary Ralph would withdraw its petition for intervention in Idaho Power's application for a construction permit. The application is before the Power Commission.

Reverses Department Stand

"The Department of the Interior will follow the usual and normal process of furnishing the Federal Power Commission with all information, plans and other data available to the department in the matter and will abide by the findings of the commission," the statement added.

McKay said in his statement the Hells Canyon project would cost nearly \$60 million dollars and he doubted if appropriations for the dam "could be justified now" even if Congress would approve it. He added the project has been before Congress twice.

McKay Host to 45 Governors

Washington (AP)—Interior Secretary Douglas McKay asked 11 Western governors to lunch today to talk about Western problems. The governors indicated they had plenty to discuss.

McKay, a former Oregon governor, said he would feed the governors Oregon salmon and call for a "general discussion" of affairs in the West.

Two governors said they wanted to talk to the secretary about taking over part or all of reclamation projects in their states.

Central Valley Project

Two others said they wanted to see what could be done about declining prices paid to Western miners for lead and zinc.

Gov. Earl Warren of California said he and other state officials want to have an "exploratory session" with McKay on state purchase of the \$400,000,000 Central Valley Project in that state.

Reds Cross Asks \$5500 To Save Blood Program

Henry Morris was named chairman of a committee appointed last night to try to raise the \$5500 which a meeting held in the Music Hall at Willamette University last night was told will be necessary to save Marion county's blood program.

The group will meet Friday noon at the Spa to devise means of securing this money.

No Money Available to Repair Flood Damage

Portland (AP)—This year's high water in the Willamette River and its tributaries caused bank erosion and overflow damage at 35 or more locations, Col. Thomas H. Lipscomb, Portland district engineer, said Tuesday.

He said he had received requests for construction of bank protection works along the Willamette, McKenzie, South Santiam and other streams.

To take care of this work would cost a million and a half dollars, he said. And, he added, the engineers don't have that much money available.

Weather Details
Maximum yesterday, 85; minimum today, 51. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0.1 inch. Total 30-day precipitation: 0.1 inch. Total 30-day temperature: 58.3. River height, 2 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)