

THE WEATHER

CONSIDERABLE CLOUDINESS with occasional showers tonight, Thursday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 48; high Thursday, 69.

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McKay Backs Extension of Trade Pacts

Stresses Importance Of Prolonging Tariff Agreements

Washington (AP)—Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay assured the House Ways and Means committee today that President Eisenhower's administration is deeply concerned about problems of U. S. producers struggling against stiff foreign competition.

But McKay urged the committee to approve Mr. Eisenhower's recommendation for a one year extension of the reciprocal trade agreements act while the whole field of foreign economic policy is given careful study. The present trade act expires June 12.

Joining the parade of cabinet officers who have appeared before the committee in support of the president's proposal, McKay said he wanted to give assurances that his department "will cooperate wholeheartedly in bringing to bear on this study the necessary domestic considerations."

"My department is the Interior," McKay said. "We are primarily a domestic agency, concerned with the development and use of the nation's resources."

Democrats Friendly "The mining industry, the coal industry, the petroleum industry are all concerns of my department. At the same time we also have a responsibility to see that American industry has adequate supplies of minerals and fuels."

Democrats on the committee have been friendly toward the recommendations of the administration for continuing the trade program that started under democratic auspices in 1934.

But the republicans generally insist that domestic industry needs more protection immediately, not a year from now.

McDonald said the stations already closed include Tacoma, Wash., and Troutdale and Baker, Ore.

Stations ordered closed by July 1, in addition to the four already shut down, include Ellensburg, Kelso and North Head, Wash., Cordova and Galena, Alaska.

McDonald said the closing means that weather observation "will be hurt" but "we are trying to protect essential services that are threatened and hope to be able to do so."

Weather Details Maximum yesterday, 87; minimum today, 51. Total 24-hour precipitation for month, .69; normal, .25. Season precipitation, 38.51; normal, 38.25. River height, 2 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

Projects for Atomic Planes, Carriers Off

Economy Move Delays Developments For a Couple of Years

Washington (AP)—The Washington Post said Wednesday the defense department has decided to suspend its projects for development of atomic powered airplanes and aircraft carriers.

Precise reasons for the decision were not clear, the story said, mentioning that 10 to 12 million dollars already has been spent on the effort.

Meanwhile, J. B. Woodward, Jr., president of the large Newport News, Va., Shipbuilding and Drydock company, which is sharing in the development of an atomic carrier, said he had known the government was considering the action.

No Official Notification When he was asked for comment on the Post story, he said: "We have had no official notification... although we did know the matter was under consideration." He added that the Washington story "speaks for itself."

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To Challenge Tideland Bill

Washington (AP)—Attorney General Tom Gentry of Arkansas announced Wednesday he will challenge in the courts the validity of any law "undertaking to give away the natural resources" of the submerged off-shore lands.

He invited attorneys general of other states interested in such a suit to join him.

Gentry said legislation passed by the Senate Tuesday benefits California, Louisiana and Texas "at the expense of the people of all the other states, including Arkansas."

The bill says the states, rather than the federal government, shall have title to the oil-bearing submerged lands off their shores.

HST Ready to Write Memoirs

Independence, Mo. (AP)—Former President Harry S. Truman was ready today to "go to work on my memoirs," after completing a Hawaiian vacation, his first as an ordinary citizen in eight years.

He said he hoped to get to his downtown Kansas City office today "after unpacking 21 suitcases and packages" he brought back from Hawaii.

The tanned, chipper former president returned home by train last night accompanied by Mrs. Truman.

Announcing the president's plans Wednesday, White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said Eisenhower will return to Washington either Sunday evening or Monday morning.

DEFENDERS ARRIVE AT BATTLE FRONT



These men are part of a steady stream of troops and supplies to arrive by aircraft in the defense center of the Plaine des Jafres (Plain of Jars), scene of hard fighting in the attempt to stem a four-pronged drive on Laos, capital of Luang Prabang, by Communist Viet Minh forces. The French high command reported that Communist forces now are driving toward the Thailand border trying to cut Laotian defenses in half. (UP Telephoto)

Famed Oregon Ranch Is Sold

Portland (AP)—The Roaring Springs Ranch that sprawls over 420,000 acres of Southeastern Oregon, is being sold by Gill Cattle Company to the Cullum interests of California and Nevada.

Fred Gill of Exeter, Calif., made the announcement through representatives here Wednesday. He said the deal had been closed but declined to specify the amount.

At Burns, county seat of Harney County in which the vast cattle ranch is located, those familiar with the property said three million dollars was most often talked as the sum involved.

Gill said the Capwell, Sullivan & Furth Building in Oakland, Calif., was given as part payment.

H. C. Crummer is expected to represent the new owners at the ranch with J. B. Fine, superintendent for 30 years, continuing.

The announcement said that the transfer was being made with the ranch fully equipped and stocked with most of its cattle. It normally runs 7,000 to 8,000 Herefords.

The ranch consists of 118,000 acres of deeded land and 302,000 acres held under the Taylor grazing act. It covers the complete south end of the Steens Mountains as well as valleys to the east and west of the mountains.

Ike to Visit at Brother's Home

Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower will fly to Pennsylvania Saturday to spend the week-end at the home of his brother, Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, president of Pennsylvania State college.

The president and Mrs. Eisenhower will leave Washington early Saturday morning for the trip to State College, Pa. The presidential plane Columbine will land at nearby Philipsburg, Pa.

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Indochina Reds Delay Laos Capital Attack

Hanoi, Indochina (AP)—French and Laotian patrols swept in a wide arc around the royal residence city of Luang Prabang in Laos Wednesday but failed to contact any communist-led Vietminh troops.

The calm on the Laos invasion fronts indicated the Vietminh is awaiting fresh supplies and is regrouping its forces before making an onslaught on Luang Prabang or Vientiane, the official capital.

Meanwhile the buildup of French-Laotian defenses continued at Vientiane, a town of 20,000 population across the Mekong river from Thailand. The Thais have been moving 60,000 Vietnamese, mostly of fighting age, from along the northern border deep into west and northwestern Thailand as a precaution against communist invasion.

The move was apparently aimed at preventing Vietnamese who fled into Thailand border areas at the start of the Indochina War from being swept up and used by the Vietminh in the event Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh's forces reach the Mekong and try to extend their "liberation" program and cross into Thailand.

French intelligence reports have disclosed that three generals and four colonels who received their military training in Southern Communist China are masterminding the invasion of Laos.

Seeking to Woo Red Satellites

Strasbourg, France (AP)—Western European diplomats reported Wednesday many of their governments favor a Council of Europe attempt to woo Soviet satellite states, with unification of the continent as a lure. Such a move would be in line with President Eisenhower's recent foreign policy statements.

This was disclosed as foreign ministers of the council's 14 member states gathered here to draft a political message to the European consultative assembly, which opens its fifth regular session here Thursday.

Many member governments reportedly favored a joint statement that any general East-West settlement must include an opportunity for a greater number of countries to join in the attempt to unify Europe. They also want the ministerial message to emphasize that the council is open to all European states that abide by western standards of political democracy and human rights.

Woman Slayer Says Not Guilty

London (AP)—John Christie, 55-year-old owl-eyed trucking clerk, pleaded innocent Wednesday to charges of murdering four women in his shabby back-street London apartment. Christie, for 24 years tenant of the Notting Hill death house which has yielded up the remains of six dead women, was committed for trial.

Christie was arrested March 31 after a nationwide manhunt touched off by discovery of three bodies in the walled up alcove of his kitchen. Later the body of his wife, Ethel, was found beneath the floorboards. He is charged with the murder of the four. Remains of two other women were found in a garden behind the house. Christie will be tried at London's famous Old Bailey court-house.

483 Rescued at Sea After Night Collision

Dulles Pleads For Foreign Aid; Sees Cutback

Washington (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles told congress Wednesday that he could foresee "considerable reductions" in future appropriations for foreign aid. "Substantial" cutbacks already are planned in economic assistance, he said.

Dulles testified before the house foreign affairs committee on the administration's \$5,828,000,000 foreign aid program for the year starting July 1. At the same time Harold E. Stassen, mutual security director, presented the case to the senate foreign relations committee.

Stassen said that on March 31 nearly 12 billion dollars of previously appropriated foreign aid funds were unspent and more than four billion unobligated.

Mrs. Burrows Gives Red List

New York (AP)—The House Un-American Activities Committee said Wednesday that Carin Kinzel Burrows, wife of writer-comedian Abe Burrows, testified at an executive session that she was a member of the Communist Party on the West Coast from 1940 to 1948.

A committee spokesman said she gave the names of three persons she said were party members, and 21 others who she said attended meetings of her cell.

Earlier songwriter Jay Gorney and movie actor Lionel Stander both refused to tell the committee at an open hearing whether they ever had been Communist. Stander said he was not now a Communist, but he refused to say whether he was a party member between 1935 and 1948.

The testimony of Mrs. Burrows, a former actress, was taken in private Tuesday because she is under a doctor's care. Her husband has testified he never was a Communist but had supported some Red front organizations.

Seek to Avert Boxcar Shortage

Washington (AP)—The Production and Marketing Administration is doing all it can to forestall a box car shortage in the wheat states during the coming harvest season, agency officials have told a House appropriations subcommittee.

Howard H. Gordon, FMA administrator, in reply to questions by members of the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee in hearing testimony made public Tuesday, said his agency has tried to speed up its paper work so as to begin moving government grain before new grain has to be put in storage.

Arrangements are being made, he said, for movement of about 12 million bushels of winter wheat.

Severe Earthquake Jars Most of Chile

Santiago, Chile (AP)—A severe earthquake rocked most of Chile at 1:23 p.m., 9:23 a.m. PST Wednesday. The southern city of Concepcion reported damage to walls. In that area thousands were killed in an earthquake in 1939.

38 More POW From Korea Land at Travis

Travis Air Force Base, Calif. (AP)—Thirty-eight more Americans came home Wednesday from Red prison camps in Korea.

Crowds of relatives and friends were here to greet them as the giant Stratocruiser flew in from Honolulu.

Only one more plane still is to arrive before 147 of the 149 war prisoners so far released have come home. It is due this week. Two men remained in Tokyo.

The big plane landed here at 11:12 a.m. (PDT).

Reds Reject UN POW Plan

Panmunjom, Korea (AP)—The Communists angrily rejected today a United Nations offer to set free 100,000 captured North Koreans following an armistice and let them go where they choose.

North Korean Gen. Nam Il, chief Red negotiator, called the offer "unworthy of refutation" and accused the U.N. of taking a "step backward."

Of the 100,000 Koreans held by the Allies, 32,600 have said they would forcibly resist a return to Communism. The U.N. offer additionally would leave 14,500 anti-Communist Chinese prisoners in care of a neutral custodian.

Li Gen, William K. Harrison, head U. N. truce delegate, told Nam at the first of two 14-minute truce meetings that he made this suggestion to prevent placing "an excessive burden" on the yet-to-be named neutral.

Atomic Blast No. 8 Set for Thursday

Las Vegas, Nev. (AP)—Atomic explosion No. 8 of the 1953 spring series appeared set for Thursday morning as the Atomic Energy Commission called a pre-shot press conference Wednesday.

Two thousand Army troops and 200 military observers were ready for their roles in the continuing desert rock maneuvers at Yucca Flat. The AEC has not indicated whether the nuclear explosion will be set off from a tower or by plane drop.

31 Indictments by Federal Grand Jury

Portland (AP)—Six Oregon men were under indictment Wednesday on income tax violation charges; three were accused of making off with money while working in post offices; 22 others were faced with other charges brought by a federal grand jury.

Ferry Rammed By US Freighter Loses Her Bow

Harwich, England (AP)—Nearly 500 persons, including dozens of Americans, were rescued at sea Wednesday after they abandoned a Holland-England ferry severely damaged in a pre-dawn collision.

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Bombers Raid Supply Center

Seoul, Korea (AP)—Waves of American dive bombers slipped expertly through Communist supply center only five miles below Manchuria today.

Thirty-six F-84 Thunderjets dropped tons of explosives around Kangye dam near the Yalu river, destroying 17 buildings and four boxcars.

The Air Force said the Reds had stored huge quantities of supplies in buildings at the foot of the dam which has not been used since the Korean war started.

Led by Col. Victor Warford of Chickasha, Okla., the Thunderjets dropped bomb after bomb on the center, severing rail lines as well as wrecking buildings. It was one of the Air Force's deepest penetrations over enemy territory.

The Thunderjet attack followed a devastating B-29 raid on a troop and supply area at Ssan-Nin near Sinanju just before midnight.

Greeks Protest Bulgar Seizure

Athens, Greece (AP)—The Greek government announced today that it planned to protest to the United Nations against Bulgarian occupation of the border island of Gamma. Greece claims the small Evros River island as its territory.

Defense Minister Panayotis Canelopoulos said yesterday that Bulgarian troops had occupied the island despite fire from Greek forces. He added that the Bulgarians did not return the fire.

Bulgarian troops also occupied the islands last August but finally withdrew after heavy firing by the Greeks and a Greek protest to the United Nations.

Battle Casualties Now Total 134,805

Washington (AP)—American battle casualties in Korea now total 134,805, an increase of 395 over last week's report, the Defense Department said today.

Acheson's Aides Bought 30,000 Books by Reds

Washington (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R., Wis.) Wednesday wound up an inquiry into overseas U. S. libraries with a public suggestion that former Secretary of State Dean Acheson explain why "30,000 to 40,000 books by Communists and fellow travelers" were purchased for them.

He called to a dramatic, televised close the question of authors of the books in question, but said he still hopes "some-one from the old Acheson team would step forward" to explain the purchases.

He added that Acheson would be the logical man to do it, and "will be heard if he asks to be heard."

McCarthy announced he will stage a semi-public showing soon of an educational film he said the "United Nations information program" has distributed and which he termed "the most anti-American propaganda I have seen."

Three authors and an artist were put in the witness chair in the final hearing. They declined to say whether they were Communists.