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CLEARING TONIGHT, becoming mostly fair and warmer Saturday. Low tonight, 33; high Saturday, 66.

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Employers in State Saved \$15,000,000

10,708 Employers Assigned Lower Unemployment Tax Rates

By JAMES D. OLSON With the average unemployment compensation rates edging lower, savings to Oregon's covered employers are expected to pass \$15 millions in 1953, according to the state unemployment compensation commission Friday.

Unemployment taxes based on covered payrolls that may total \$1,300,000,000 this year are estimated by the commission at \$10,988,750, lowest since 1941 and comparing with payments to insured workers aggregating \$16,132,400 in the past 12 months.

Rates below the normal 2.7 percent will go to 10,708 firms in 1953, while 1,244 others have the requisite four years' experience but lack the necessary reserves.

Nearly half of the employers sharing in this year's reductions are paying at the lowest rate of 0.3 percent, while 2,631 others have been assigned rates under one percent.

This group of employers enjoying the reduced rates will pay to the benefit fund only \$2,868,866 as compared with a normal assessment of 2.7 percent of \$15,465,129.

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Senator Told Budget Can't Be Balanced

Humphrey Says National Defense Won't Be Sacrificed

Washington (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey told Senators Friday the budget for the next fiscal year cannot and should not be balanced.

Chairman Wiley (R-Wis.) of the Foreign Relations Committee reported this after Humphrey testified before the group opposing any cuts in the foreign aid program beyond those already made by President Eisenhower.

"Although I am distressed that we cannot balance the budget this year I do not believe it should be balanced," Wiley quoted the Treasury secretary as saying.

"The risks that would involve our security would simply be too great."

Wilson Agrees with Humphrey While Humphrey was before the senators, Secretary of Defense Wilson told the House Foreign Affairs Committee he is giving a "fresh look" at (Continued on Page 5, Col. 8)

Laborites Gain in City Elections

London (AP)—The Labor Party rolled up sweeping gains Friday both in London and the provinces in local council elections in England and Wales. As a result, laborites are expected to step up demands for new national elections.

The nearly completed returns dealt a sharp blow to Prime Minister Churchill's Conservative Party. Voting began Monday and was concluded Thursday. Labor's gains also swept out much of the small Communist representation on the councils.

Voting in London was for the composition of 28 borough councils. There was no contest in 24 of the city's 353 wards.

Identify Four Collision Victims

Harwich, England (AP)—Police announced today the identification of three American women and one German killed in the British steamer Duke of York during a North Sea collision Wednesday. Another American, an air force lieutenant, is missing and believed drowned.

The American victims were identified as Miss Gilda Jordet, 49, of Rocky Ford, Colo.; Miss Bernice Viola Larson, 49, of La Crosse, Wis., and Miss Ann Spring, 29, of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Miss Spring's body was identified by a fellow traveler, Richard Healey. She was a U.S. government employe in Germany.

A spokesman for the U.S. Third air force said the American missing and feared drowned is Lt. Dale Cheney of Kellogg, Idaho. He was traveling from Germany to Britain and was believed to have been on the Duke of York.

Cities Told to Watch Cost of Liquor by Drink

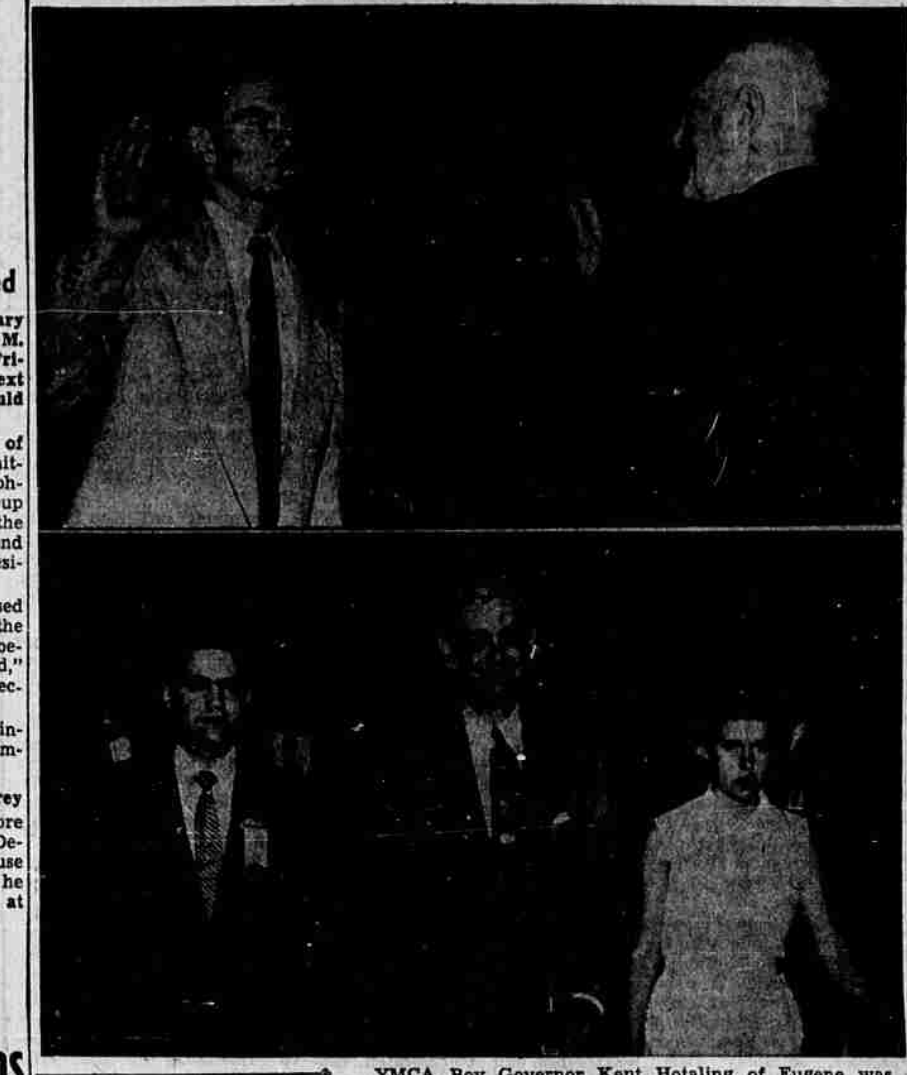
City administrations of Oregon were advised Thursday night to keep a careful check on the cost of liquor law enforcement after liquor-by-the-drink becomes effective May 11.

If the cost is greater than under the present system, then, the cities were told, the League of Oregon Cities should go after another 5 per cent cut from profits of the net liquor commission revenues.

The advice came from Mayor Edwin Johnson of Eugene, president of the League of Oregon Cities, in his address before a regional meeting of the league in the Mirz or Room at the Marion Hotel.

The mayor had reference to the present law, enacted by the 1949 legislature, whereby cities receive 5 per cent of that profit. They asked for 10 per cent at that time, but got only half.

BOY GOVERNOR SWORN IN



West Germany To Ratify Pact

Bonn Germany—After two weeks of behind-the-scenes political maneuvering, parliamentary officials reported Friday night the way has been cleared for West Germany to ratify the European Army treaty.

Minister-President Governor Reinhold Maier of Baden-Wuerttemberg, who controls a decisive block of votes in the Bundestag upper house of parliament has agreed that his chamber will vote again May 22 on the treaty to recruit 500,000 German soldiers for western defense, these officials said.

Maier's five votes in the 38-member Bundestag tipped the balance against the army pact and the companion Allied-West German peace contract when they came up for a vote April 24.

Slayer of Five Gets Lawyer

Canandaigua, N. Y. (AP)—Fred Eugene McManus, admitted slayer of five, respectfully agreed to accept court-assigned counsel Friday as he made a brief appearance in State Supreme Court on a first-degree murder charge.

The 18-year-old Valley Stream, L. I., youth, who seemed calm and rested, was in court only a minute. Justice H. Douglass van Duser adjourned the case until Wednesday, and indicated that he would assign counsel, except McManus' plea and set a trial date at that time.

Boy Governor Opposes Voting 18-Year-Olds

By DAVID BLACKMER told members of the YMCA Youth Legislature assembled in the house of representative chamber in the Capitol building Friday morning.

Hotaling expressed his views of legislation before the lawmakers, "I am not in favor of lowering the voting age to 18. I make this statement after careful consideration of all the facts at my command. Eighteen-year olds are capable of voting intelligently, but the large majority of us, though we may be capable of fighting a war, have not the maturity or experience to vote wisely on matters of not only our state and country, but also of the world."

Governor Paul Patterson spoke briefly to the YMCA legislators and termed the legislature as "a worthwhile project." "I urge you to take your legislative lesson here seriously as the state of the nation is not good," the governor said.

Voice Official Resigns Post

Washington (AP)—William O. Johnstone, Jr., quit Friday as chief of overseas operations for the State Department's International Information Program, which includes the Voice of America.

He is the second deputy administrator to resign since Dr. Robert L. Johnson, former president of Temple University, took over as head of the information service.

Reed Harris, the other deputy, stepped out last month. Harris had tangled with Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) over his work for the Voice program.

Mary Pickford Here Saturday

Mary Pickford, one of the great personalities of motion picture history, will visit Salem Saturday, in connection with a nation-wide campaign of women volunteers to sign up savings bond buyers under the bond-a-month plan.

She will drive here from Portland during the forenoon and attend a luncheon being arranged in her honor. Mrs. Paul T. Patterson, wife of the governor, will be an honored guest. Miss Pickford will leave shortly afterward for Eugene where she will board an evening train for California.

"America's Sweetheart" is associate-national chairman of the Women's Crusade for Security, of which Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower, wife of the president, is honorary national chairman. She is making the official tour to contact those who will take part in the coming drive, which will be this month.

Miss Pickford left Washington, D. C. March 31 after being received at the White House by Mrs. Eisenhower and then attending a dinner in her honor at the Mayflower Hotel. Her original schedule called for visiting 12 leading cities but in Oregon her Portland stop was shortened to permit going to Salem and Eugene.

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Brilliant Atomic Blast From Powerful Bomb

Red Invasion Of Laos Ends With Retreat

Hanoi, Indochina (AP)—The end of the communist invasion of Laos, without a major battle and virtually without casualties, seemed to be just around the corner Friday. So far it has been one of history's strangest tries at conquest.

Communist-led Vietminh troops which overran one-third of the Indochinese kingdom in a 25-day march were continuing to pull out of the heart of the little mountain state, heading towards the Black and upper Red rivers in northwestern Indochina, their original jumpoff bases.

Red Proposal Being Studied

Washington (AP)—The United States was reported Friday to have instructed the United Nations command in Korea to seek clarification of some provisions of the eight-point communist plan for handling prisoners of war after an armistice.

Britain Warns Egypt on Suez

London (AP)—Britain has warned Egypt that talks on evacuation of Britain's Suez Canal ministry base may collapse unless Premier Nasser backs down on his demand for Egyptian control without strings attached, British informants said Friday.

Sources in touch with the flagging Cairo discussions indicated Britain's negotiators, Ambassador Sir Ralph Stevenson and Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, told Naguib Thursday that only a softening of what the British describe as Egyptian stubbornness could open a way to further talks.

Call for Bids on Umpqua Road

Portland (AP)—The Bureau of Public Roads said Friday that bids would be opened here May 22 on two bridges on a timber access road in eastern Douglas County.

They are on the Steamboat Creek Road, which connects with the North Umpqua Highway about 40 miles east of Roseburg. One will be a 165-foot structure across Canton Creek, the other a 120-foot span over Steelhead creek.

Benson Denies Hitting Supports

Washington (AP)—Replying to congressional criticism, Secretary of Agriculture Benson denies that he is attacking present farm price support programs or ignoring President Eisenhower's campaign promises.

He said so in a letter to Sen. Young (R., N.D.), one of Benson's critics, who made the letter public Friday.

Along with other farm state lawmakers, many of them Democrats, Young had protested that Benson was attacking the price supports enacted by congress and appeared to be in conflict with Eisenhower's public statements.

"As far as the price support program is concerned," Benson wrote Young, "I construe my position not as that of attacking the present price support program, but as that of searching for something better."

3 Red Migs Damaged in Air Battles

Seoul (AP)—U. S. Sabre jet pilots damaged three Communist MIGs in battle high over Northwest Korea Friday. It was the first time in eight days Red fighters ventured across the Yalu River from their Manchurian sanctuary.

There has been speculation that Red pilots were being put through an intensive loyalty check because of a U. N. command offer of \$50,000 to Communist fliers delivering MIGs to the Allies—with a \$50,000 bonus for the first plane.

U. S. Seventh Division infantrymen smashed a Communist attack by possibly 300 men on Porkchop Hill in the biggest action in days along the stagnant ground front.

Truce Meeting Set Saturday

Panmunjon, Korea (AP)—The United Nations will demand at a truce meeting tomorrow that the communists give a firm guarantee against any attempt to force repatriation of anti-Red war prisoners, it was understood tonight.

The demand would be made in reply to an eight-point communist proposal on disposition of the anti-Red prisoners which the Peiping radio hailed as laying the basis for "immediately bringing up."

It is believed that Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, senior U.N. truce delegate, will give the allied reply to the chief communist negotiator, Gen. Nam II, at a truce meeting scheduled for 11 a.m. tomorrow, 7 p.m., today PDT.

Twin Jet Climbs 63,668 Feet

London (AP)—A British twin-jet Canberra bomber climbed to 63,668 feet, bettering the world aircraft altitude record by 4,222 feet, the Royal Aero Club announced Friday.

The flight was made last Monday from Filton airfield, near Bristol, with W. F. Gibb, assistant chief test pilot of the Bristol Aeroplane company, at the controls. The plane was fitted with Bristol Olympus engines.

The present record was set by Britain's John Cunningham on March 23, 1948, in a Vampire jet fighter. He reached 59,446 feet. It took Gibb 45 minutes to climb the full altitude—more than 12 miles.

Reclamation Bureau Projects Eliminated

Washington (AP)—Reclamation Bureau officials have told the Senate a proposed appropriation cut would eliminate one-third of the bureau's project investigations planned during the coming year.

The cuts voted by the House also would have drastic effects on additional project investigations, the officials told a Senate appropriations subcommittee at a hearing Thursday on Interior Department appropriations requested for the year beginning July 1.

Former President Truman requested \$6,250,000 for Reclamation Bureau project surveys, investigations, engineering, research, and planning. The Eisenhower budget cut it to 4 million, and the House to 2 million.

Most Complex Test Yet Held in Nevada Desert

Las Vegas, Nev. (AP)—In one of the most complex atomic tests yet held, a powerful A-bomb exploded Friday over a make-believe forest and simulated military installations at Nevada Proving Ground.

As a record contingent of 100 Air Force planes circled high overhead, the bomb-dropped from a B-50 bomber—burst at about 2,500 feet above Frenchman Flat with a brilliance that outdazzled the daylight at 7:30 a.m. PST.

Two thousand Army troops, 200 military and industrial observers and 15 congressmen, stationed at 9,800 yards—nearly six miles—from the blast, came through unscathed, the Atomic Energy Commission reported.

Forests and Bunkers The pine trees were brought to the site several weeks ago and arranged to simulate a forest on the dry desert floor. There was no immediate account of the effects on the forest. (Continued on Page 5, Column 7)

Buenos Aires Bomb Blasts

Buenos Aires (AP)—A bomb exploded in a Buenos Aires suburb early Friday, injuring four persons. It was the 14th bomb explosion set off here in two months.

The latest incident followed a series of arrests by police and a claim Wednesday that they had broken a plot by politicians to terrorize the city. New arrests Friday included leaders of the Conservative and Radical parties, which oppose the government of President Juan D. Peron.

The latest explosion occurred shortly after midnight in a residential street in Belgrano, causing injuries to three passersby and an elderly man sleeping in his home next door. There was no immediate explanation for the bombing.

\$40 Million Loan to Japan to Buy Cotton

Washington (AP)—The export-import bank announced Friday that arrangements have been completed for a 40 million dollar loan to Japan to be used for the purchase of American cotton.

The loan is at 3 1/2 per cent interest and is to be repaid in 15 months. The export-import bank has made the funds available to the Bank of Japan.

Christine Hopes to Marry Some Day

Los Angeles (AP)—Christine Jorgensen, who was George Jorgensen before a series of operations in Denmark, hopes to marry some day. But she has no boy friends, only acquaintances, she told a crowded press conference Thursday in advance of her debut Friday as a stage entertainer.

Weather Details

Minimum yesterday, 56; maximum 67. Total 24-hour precipitation: .07. For month: .43; normal, .32. Season precipitation: 59.81; normal, 55.29. River runoff, 2.2 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)