

THE WEATHER

FAIRLY CLOUDY tonight, Tuesday, with scattered showers or thunder showers in afternoon and evening. Slightly warmer, Tuesday. Low tonight, 55; high Tuesday, 78.

McKay Urges Completion of Power Plants

Asks Senate for Funds For Orderly N.W. Development

Washington (AP)—Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay and a Pacific Northwest group Monday urged a Senate appropriations subcommittee to approve sufficient money for the orderly development of power projects in the Columbia River basin.

McKay said the area's power shortage will continue through 1959 or 1960 and will be worse if no new starts are authorized on hydroelectric projects.

It is important, he said, to push the Dalles dam to completion at the earliest possible moment to relieve the area's "terrific power shortage."

Urges The Dalles Dam

Funds for the The Dalles project have been scaled down to \$29,350,000 from the \$58,400,000 originally asked by ex-President Truman for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The Eisenhower budget asked \$37,429,000 and the House Appropriations Committee last week cut the project to \$29,350,000.

McKay said that The Dalles project is an "important link in the power development system in the Northwest."

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Field Offices to Close Saturdays

All field offices as well as the Portland office of the secretary of state's motor vehicle department will be closed on Saturdays hereafter, according to announcement made Monday by Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry.

Newberry announced that the closure of the offices on Saturday is in line with public policy and will also enable later hours during the five days the offices are open. Hours, under the new plan, will be from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. instead of 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

The change does not affect the Salem office which will continue to operate with a skeleton crew on Saturdays, Newberry said.

Rain Continues To Soak Valley

Even a thunderstorm was thrown in for good measure for the weather in Salem area, Sunday, as the cloudy skies, showers and cool temperatures continued.

Main force of the thunder storm, however, was out from Salem, concentrating in the foothills around early Sunday evening. Salem folk could see the lightning and hear the thunder, and skies were very black in the city, but the force of the storm skipped the city proper.

Rainfall for the 48-hour period ending at 10:30 a. m. Monday in Salem amounted to .43 of an inch, .17 of an inch of that total falling during the last 24 hours.

Possibility of more thunder showers by Tuesday afternoon and evening is included in the forecast for tonight and Tuesday, otherwise, there will be cloudy skies and scattered showers.

Grocers Protest Discount Coupons

Portland (AP)—The Oregon Independent Retail Grocers Association protested Sunday against discount coupons issued by manufacturers of some products sold in grocery stores.

Delegates to the annual convention instructed association directors to prepare a campaign against the coupons.

Secretary H. E. Carlson said it probably would become a passive resistance program, in which grocers promote products marketed without coupons.

He said the objection was against coupons that call for the grocer to give the customer a discount. This increases the grocer's overhead and ties up his cash, Carlson said.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 65; minimum today, 55. Total 24-hour precipitation: .17. For month: 4.11; normal, 1.06. Season precipitation: 11.31; normal, 36.04. River discharge: 8.7 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

Rosenbergs Lose Appeal To High Court

Condemned Atomic Spies for Third Time Denied Hearing

Washington (AP)—The Supreme Court Monday refused for the third time to grant a hearing to condemned atomic spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. This left as their only apparent chance to escape death in the electric chair a decision to tell the government any espionage secrets they may still hold.

In New York City, Emanuel H. Bloch, attorney for the Rosenbergs, said that counsel will appear before the Supreme Court in Washington Tuesday morning to apply for a stay of its order pending the filing and determination of a petition for a rehearing.

President Eisenhower rejected their clemency pleas last February. But Justice Department sources said Saturday the Rosenbergs have been told they might be able to save themselves by "singling" to federal prosecutors.

Convicted 3 Years Ago The husband and wife spy team was convicted more than two years ago of wartime conspiracy to transmit atomic secrets to Russia.

In addition to rejecting the appeal, the high court directed that the stay of execution granted by the U. S. Circuit Court in New York Feb. 17 be vacated. The stay had been granted to permit filing of the appeal acted on Monday.

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Mrs. Allton Held Innocent

San Diego (AP)—Mrs. Donald Allton, 35, wife of a music professor at the University of Oregon, today was freed of charges that she passed more than \$1,000 worth of bad checks here last year.

Superior Judge John A. Hewicker dismissed the counts on motion by the deputy district attorney, Arthur O'Keefe. O'Keefe told Hewicker that the defense had produced expert evidence that could not be disputed in court. He referred to statements by nationally known handwriting expert Clark Sellers of Los Angeles who wrote that Mrs. Allton could not have signed the checks she was charged with passing.

New Walkout At Auto Plant

Detroit (AP)—Some 8,000 Budd Co. workers returned to their jobs Monday after a strike that affected a large portion of the auto industry, but they walked out again a few hours later in a new dispute.

The new strike dampened hopes that 48,000 Chrysler workers, supplied by the Budd Co., would be able to return to work in a day or two.

The new walkout stemmed from protests by Budd's press shop crane operators about operational procedures, according to a company spokesman.

He said causes for Monday's strike were known at least two weeks ago but were not brought up at the mass meeting Sunday when the May 20 union jurisdictional dispute was settled. There was no comment from the CIO United Auto Workers.

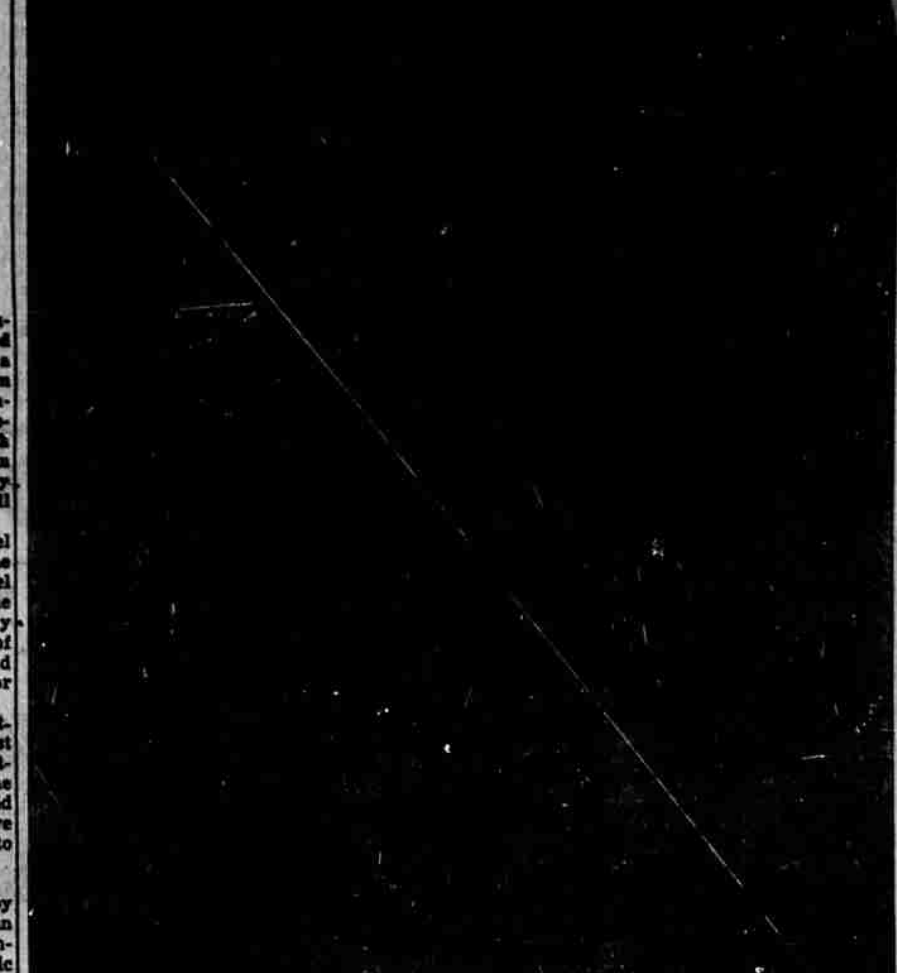
Crest of Sabine Flood Held Steadily 24 Hours

Orange, Tex. (AP)—Weary, blistered flood workers sandbagged soggy levees against the worst Sabine river flood in history today as residents of nearby Lake Charles, La., reported that muddy flood waters had swept snakes into the heart of the city.

Men, women and children toiled so hard on the dikes here that all the adhesive tape in the city was used to bind their blistered hands and an extra supply was flown in.

Forty miles to the east on the Calcasieu river at Lake Charles, flood waters were receding. But the city was threatened by looters, snakes

ATOMIC CANNON TESTED ON NEVADA DESERT



The familiar atomic cloud rises above Frenchman Flat Monday moments after the firing of history's first atomic cannon. This picture was made from an airplane flying about 7,000 feet high approximately 20 air miles from the spot where the shell landed. (AP Wirephoto)

Combat Threat From Ragweed

Portland (AP)—The State Board of Health is starting a fund-raising campaign to combat a serious threat of ragweed. The board voiced alarm over the Legislature's failure to provide funds to eradicate ragweed and said that the weed "may be out of control within a short time unless immediate action is taken."

Appeals for funds are being directed to flow Professor and the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

The weed, which affects hay-fever sufferers, first was reported in Clackamas County a few years ago. Since, it has been spreading elsewhere, the board reported.

L. L. Riggs, Portland, board president, expressed concern about infectious hepatitis in Oregon. It is known more commonly as infectious jaundice.

Riggs said it infected 402 persons in Oregon in the first 18 weeks of the year. Of this number, 128 were in Douglas county. For the same period last year there were 132 cases.

4 Injured in Strikers' Attack

Syracuse, N. Y. (AP)—Four persons were injured Monday as white collar workers returned to work through picket lines at two strike-bound General Electric Co. plants.

Sheriff's deputies arrested four members of the CIO International Union of Electrical Workers. They were held without charge.

The IUE represents the 7,000 production workers who struck nearly seven weeks ago, citing local grievances.

A huge traffic jam developed around the electronics plants. GE had invited the 4,000 salaried employes to return.

Three pickets, including two women, were hospitalized. The plants produce television and other electronics equipment.

East Germany Closes Churches

By PHIL NEUSON (United Press Foreign Analyst) Berlin—The German church which survived 12 years of Hitlerism today is engaged in a life and death struggle against another foe just as ruthless. The Soviet East German regime has declared open warfare against both the Protestant Evangelical and the Catholic churches.

It has outlawed Protestant youth groups, accusing them, among other things, of spying for the United States. So far this year, the Reds are known to have arrested 26 Evangelical pastors and two Catholic priests, whom they also accused of being Western spies and agents. One Protestant pastor was seized at the doorway of his church. Several have received long prison sentences.

Ike Upheld in Cuts For Airforce Funds

Washington (AP)—Sen. Millikin (R., Colo.) dared the demagogues to make a political issue of proposed Air Force money cuts with the assertion Monday that he believes the country will back President Eisenhower's military program.

Millikin, chairman of the conference of all republican senators, said critics of a planned five billion dollar cutback in Air Force appropriations requests are giving a false impression that this would reduce U. S. air strength.

"The President has declared himself in favor of continued strengthening of the Air Force," Millikin said in an interview. "I believe the country will support the judgment to the President as to our proper air strength."

Eisenhower has asked \$11,000,000,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1 in a program to build Air Force strength to 120 wings by mid-1955. The budget of former President Truman called for \$16,788,000,000 next year and 143 wings by mid-1955.

The conference chairman noted the proposed reduction does not affect money to be spent immediately in building up what Secretary of Defense Wilson has said will be a 30 percent increase in air strength.

Millikin said the cutback in Air Force funds for the year starting July 1 will be in money to be spent two or three years from now, with subsequent revisions of plans possible.

Washington (AP)—A finding by investigation senators that "there was a needless loss of American lives" in Korea because of ammunition shortages may touch off some new controversies.

The findings came in an interim report signed by four of the five senators who spent weeks on a special investigation by a Senate armed services subcommittee.

Joining in criticism of both civilian and military officials were Sens. Margaret Chase Smith R., Me., Byrd D., Va., Hendrickson R., N.J., and Cooper R., Ky.

A vigorous dissent came from Sen. Kefauver D., Tenn. He objected to "many of the sweeping generalities and some of the conclusions," particularly on the needless loss of lives.

Kefauver said the "statement is based, as the committee acknowledges, on conflicting testimony between various Army generals."

Washington (AP)—A former Czech Army officer says he learned at a Russian military school that the Soviets have picked 1955 as the target year for war in Europe.

The Czech testified under the name "Col. Jan Bukar" at House Un-American Activities Committee closed sessions May 13-14. The testimony was released Saturday.

Bukar said he fought the Nazis as a Czech partisan in World War II and attended a military school at Moscow afterward. He said he was told there Russia would "take over Western Europe" to forestall an expected attack on the Soviet by Britain in 1955.

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Atomic Shell Held Brilliant Success

Loan Pakistan Million Tons Of U.S. Wheat

Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower and GOP congressional leaders agreed Monday to back legislation for a loan of one million tons of wheat to Pakistan.

House Speaker Martin (R., Mass.) told newsmen after he and other leaders had their regular Monday conference with Eisenhower that legislation calling for the loan will be introduced later this week.

"The need is very desperate," Martin declared. Pakistan has suffered from a drought.

Other Agreements The speaker said Eisenhower and the leaders also: 1. Agreed that the Senate would take up on Wednesday the President's plan for reorganization of the Agriculture Department. Sen. Knowland (Calif.), acting senate republican leader, predicted the Senate will approve the plan.

2. Had some "incidental discussion" of the forthcoming Bermuda conference of U. S., British and French leaders. Knowland reported "a unanimity of opinion" that the conference is a "constructive move."

Little Hope of Austrian Pact

Washington (AP)—The State Department, almost on the eve of new Austrian treaty talks with Russia, said Monday Moscow's attitude "leaves little hope for a satisfactory conclusion of a treaty in the immediate future."

A lengthy review of Austrian treaty negotiations, made public Monday, placed the blame for failure to agree to an Austrian peace settlement squarely on Russia.

"The single stumbling block has been, and is, the Soviet Union," it said. "The Soviet determination to stymie an Austrian treaty has become increasingly apparent."

It accused Russia of "broken pledges," stalling and refusing to accept an Austrian pact because of its desire to "exploit" Austria's economy.

The State Department document made it clear the United States, Britain and France would stand firm by their promise to restore complete independence to the Austrian people.

DeGaulleists Out Of Cabinet Contest

Paris (AP)—Andre Diethelm, 57, leader of the parliamentary majority of Gen. Charles De Gaulle, Monday decided against trying to put together a new French cabinet.

Diethelm's decision which had been expected, came after a meeting with the 72 deputies who were elected under the banner of De Gaulle's Rally of the French People. De Gaulle since has renounced the RPF as a political force, but the deputies continue to use the name.

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Allied Secret Plan for Truce Given to Reds

Panmunjom, Korea (AP)—The United Nations handed the Communists a secret plan to end the Korean war prisoner deadlock today and then gave them a week to think it over.

Two brief secret sessions were held today following an eight-day recess, and American military police kept newsmen from approaching the conference hut or the UN staff's tent nearby.

Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, chief Allied negotiator, declined to talk about the brief conferences, explain why secrecy was imposed or tell why the new seven-day recess had been granted.

Communist correspondents said they were told by their delegation that Harrison had suggested the secret sessions which cut off the outside world from what was said inside the truce hut.

The Communist reporters did not know whether the next meeting at 11 a. m. June 1 would also be a secret session.

Red Port Hit By Battleship

Aboard the Battleship New Jersey off Chinnampo, Korea (AP)—The U. S. Battleship New Jersey dealt communist coastal defenses a surprise blow Monday after joining the British naval forces off Korea's West Coast.

The "Big J" ventured far up the Yellow Sea to within striking range of Manchurian-based communist MiGs and pounded Red shore batteries at the river approaches to the key port of Chinnampo, 75 miles from the battle front.

A clear sky and a smooth sea favored the New Jersey and escorting British ships for the bombardment that helped Allied forces usher in the 36th month of the Korean War.

The New Jersey fired 84,000 pounds of gun positions in three large areas. Aerial spotters reported results "good to excellent."

Plane Spotted Over Hokkaido

Tokyo (AP)—An "unidentified plane" was spotted over Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island, Monday morning, an Air Force spokesman said Monday night.

The craft was sighted on U. S. Air Force screens at 8 a. m. but moved out of range before it could be identified and before Allied interceptor planes could reach the spot.

The sighting was over the Nemuro Peninsula, only a few miles from the Russia-held Kuriles Island, where the Soviet Air Force maintains fighter bases.

It was the first reported sighting in Japan's skies of planes from Russian territory since last January, when Gen. Mark Clark, Far East commander, warned that intruding planes would be shot down if necessary.

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Another observer, Lt. Arthur W. Radford, assistant chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said: "I considered the test a milestone in the history of atomic weapons and I am highly satisfied with the success of the test."

The shell burst produced a bright low fireball that lit up the gray peaks of the Spanish Range, ringing the flat, exactly at 8:30 a. m. It was clearly seen in Las Vegas but was not felt or heard.

It dazzled observers in a plane flying over Indian Springs about 23 miles away but no shock or sound was perceived by the passengers, including the reporter AP photographer Harold Fiam and pilot Woodrow Mitchell, a single air transport command plane.

8 Years Spent On Big Cannon

Las Vegas (AP)—The monster cannon used today to fire the first atomic artillery shell required eight years of research and development to perfect.

The Army first began in 1944 to develop a heavy artillery piece superior to guns used in World War II.

In 1949, scientists informed the Army it would be possible to produce an atomic projectile for such a cannon. By 1951, the first cannon was completed and was tested extensively late that year and earlier this year with conventional high explosive shells.

Today's test on the southern Nevada desert was the first time the cannon, nicknamed "Atomic Annie" by its GI gun crew, fired an atomic projectile.

The gun is America's biggest field artillery piece. It weighs 85 tons, more than twice the weight of the biggest highway truck and trailer outfit. It is 84 feet long, 10 feet wide and has a 40-foot barrel.

Russia Replies To Austrian Bid

London (AP)—The British Foreign Office said Monday night Russia has replied to an invitation by the Western powers to send representatives to a meeting of deputies on the Austrian independence treaty Wednesday in London.

Details of the reply were not disclosed. Britain called for the Big Four session on May 11 in a move viewed as a test of Russia's sincerity in its "peace offensive."

Invited to attend the session were representatives of the United States, France and the Soviet Union as well as Britain. It held the meeting would be the 26th four-power session on Austria.

PIPELINE OFFER OFF Washington (AP)—Northwest Natural Gas Co. today withdrew its application before the Federal Power Commission for authority to build pipelines into the Pacific Northwest area from Canada.