

THE WEATHER

FAIR TONIGHT, increasing cloudiness, slightly cooler, Wednesday. Low tonight, 46; high Wednesday, 72.

Income Taxes Collection Cut \$2.5 Million

State Corporate Tax Returns Down, Personal Taxes Increase

By JAMES D. OLSON
Total income tax collections for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953 dropped \$2,689,393.88 below the collections for the previous fiscal year according to Ray Smith, tax commissioner in charge of the income tax division.

The reduction in total collections resulted from a smaller return from the corporate income tax, although a slight increase was shown in personal income tax collections. Total \$62 Million

The total collections for the year were \$62,206,184.76 of which \$43,600,164.89 represented collection of personal income taxes and \$18,606,019.87 was collected under the corporate tax act.

In the previous 1951-52 fiscal year the total collections were \$64,895,488.64 of which \$42,824,849.24 were in personal income tax collections and \$22,070,639.40 corporate tax.

State Levy Seen
Tax commission auditors are now completing data on which the state tax levy will be based, Commissioner Smith stated, a levy which must be made under the state law during the month of July. This levy on real property has not been collected since 1940.

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Soviet Troops Fight Partisans

Berlin (AP)—The West Berlin Nacht Depesche said Tuesday Soviet troops had attacked partisan bands made up of Poles, Czechs and Germans who seized two towns in a former Eastern Germany region, now a part of Poland.

This followed a report in Telegraf, another West Berlin newspaper put out by the same company that publishes Nacht Depesche, saying Polish partisans fought a battle with Soviet troops last Thursday in a forest near Niesky, a German town 10 miles from the Neisse River frontier with Poland.

There was no confirmation from Allied sources. They recalled that previous West Berlin rumors of widespread Polish rebellion and martial law in Warsaw and Krakow had been discounted later by Western diplomatic missions in Poland.

Alps Climber Dangled 3 Days

Chamonix, France (AP)—A French mountain climber was hauled to safety Tuesday after dangling for three days at the end of a rope over a dizzying Alpine chasm.

George Barbachi, a young student at Paris University, had met with disaster on "The Fool's Needle," a sharp peak in the Alps, on Saturday. He had been hurtled from his side by a storm that took the life of his companion.

He was rescued early Tuesday afternoon and brought to Chamonix. His condition was described as satisfactory. Barbachi's companion, Claude Chulliat, a Paris technician, fell to his death in the chasm during a severe storm which whipped the Alps Saturday morning.

Barbachi was slightly injured when his guide rope brought him up with a jerk and he bounced against the almost vertical walls of the chasm.

Congressmen Sued For \$51,750,000

Los Angeles (AP)—Five congressmen, members of the House Un-American Activities Committee who conducted hearings here, have been sued for \$51,750,000. But the complaints and subpoenas served on three of them have been declared invalid by a Superior Court because the congressmen are not California residents.

The suit, brought against the committee and leading film studios by 23 Hollywood writers, directors and actors, contends that the plaintiffs were blacklisted after refusing to answer committee questions concerning possible affiliation with subversive organizations.

Conferees on Flood Control Report Bill

\$421 Million Measure Splits Difference in House-Senate Bills

Washington (AP)—A \$421,686,600 program for flood control, navigation and power projects in the fiscal year which started July 1 has been agreed to by a House-Senate conference committee.

The agreement, made public Tuesday, still must be approved by the House and Senate. Both have passed bills differing in total amounts by 57 million dollars.

The conferees virtually split the difference in the two bills. As passed by the House the bill carried \$399,284,100 for the water projects construction program of the Army Engineers. The senate hiked this to \$455,140,100.

Army Civil Functions
The bill also carries \$13,300,000 for the Panama Canal Zone government and \$5,107,000 for cemetery expenses.

These items raised the total in the bill—known as the Army civil functions bill—to (Continued on Page 5, Column 6)

Hoover Again Heads Bureau

Washington (AP)—White House callers said today former President Herbert Hoover will head a new commission on government reorganization.

Mr. Hoover was a guest at a White House lunch where the make-up and operations of the new commission were discussed.

Sen. Homer Ferguson, R., Mich., and Rep. Clarence J. Brown, R., O., later told reporters that President Eisenhower will name the 78-year-old former president as a member of the commission and the other 11 members are expected to elect him chairman.

Mr. Hoover headed the first government reorganization commission which functioned in 1947-49. House Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr., R., Mass., appointed him to the first commission.

After this body went out of existence, Mr. Hoover said that he expected it to be his last public service. But Brown said Mr. Hoover had acceded to the insistence of President Eisenhower, Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., and other GOP leaders that he work on the new commission.

The present monthly rate of about 23,000, he said, might be reduced to between 15,000 and 18,000.

In answer to news conference questions, Wilson estimated it would be about 90 days after the truce before such reductions would be possible. As to the prospects for a truce, Wilson said: "I think it looks reasonably good, perhaps as good as it has any time in the past two years."

Bishop Oxnham Grills McCarthy Probers

Washington (AP)—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnham told the House Un-American Activities Committee Tuesday it should "frankly admit its inaccuracies and misrepresentations" about him.

And he called on the committee, in a statement for a hearing which he requested, to halt "the practice of releasing unverified and unevaluated material for which the committee accepts no responsibility."

"We can not best respond to the communist menace by bearing false witness against fellow Americans," the Methodist churchman said. "The communists want a divided America, an America whose citizens are suspicious of each other, an America without trust, an

'ARMISTICE HALL' UNDER CONSTRUCTION



North Korean laborers swarm over the framework of timber of a rapidly taking shape "armistice hall" at Panmunjom. In the background is the conference hall where discussions are being held to finalize arrangements for a possible armistice to end fighting in Korea. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Tokyo)

Mrs. Douglas Divorces Judge

Baker, Ore. (AP)—Mrs. Mildred C. Douglas was granted a divorce here today from U. S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas on statutory grounds of desertion.

The decree was granted by Circuit Judge Forrest L. Hubbard. The 54-year-old Douglas was not present.

The complaint charged that Douglas "abandoned" and left his wife alone "while engaging in his work and in travels to remote places in the world."

They were separated two years ago.

Mrs. Douglas is the former Mildred Riddle of La Grande, Ore., and was married to Douglas in 1923 when they both were school teachers. They have two grown children, William and Mildred.

Attorneys said the Douglases had approved a property settlement outside of court.

Picket Lines Disappearing

Portland (AP)—Two more picket lines disappeared here because of the antipicketing law that went into effect in Oregon Tuesday.

One was the 42-month-old line in front of the Imperial Hotel. Picketing of a restaurant also stopped.

One long-established line remained. That was the AFL Machinists line in front of an automobile agency.

The pickets that were withdrawn were called off to avoid test cases under the new law, which prevents picketing unless the union is recognized by the picketed firm. Earlier a four-year-old line was withdrawn from a drug store here.

AFL officials have announced they will challenge the new law, but said they have not selected the case they will test.

BLUEBACK RUN

Portland (AP)—The record run of blueback salmon continued Tuesday in the Columbia river. The run now totals 221,605, the first time on record that more than 200,000 bluebacks have gone upstream. There were 2,529 counted as they emerged from the fish ladders at Bonneville dam Monday.

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Patterson Names Interim Committees

Governor Paul L. Patterson Tuesday announced appointment of nine members of the legislative interim committee to study proposed revision of the state constitution.

The governor requested the legislature to call a constitutional convention but instead the assembly set up a joint governor's and legislative constitutional committee.

Gay Princess Dances All Night

London (AP)—Pretty Princess Margaret celebrated her return from Rhodesia by gaily dancing over two London rooftops until 4 o'clock this morning.

The occasion was a welcome home party given the 22-year-old princess by the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava at her tiny Knightsbridge apartment.

Because there wasn't enough room inside for dancing, the marchioness "borrowed" the flat roofs of a house and post office next to her apartment. Workmen erected two giant tents for dancing and the refreshments.

The princess, who had apparently shaken off a cold caught while she was in Africa, danced right through the night and outstayed many of the guests.

Missing was RAF Group Capt. Peter Townsend, who was transferred last week to the British Embassy in Belgium. Many Britons think he was sent abroad because, reportedly, the princess wants to marry him.

U. S. Consulates Being Closed

Washington (AP)—The State Department has closed down a dozen U. S. consulates in widely scattered points over the globe and is planning to put a still larger number out of business.

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South Korea Hints at Repudiation of Truce

U. S. to Oppose U. N. Admission Of Red China

Washington (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles Tuesday gave notice that the United States would refuse to discuss the admission of Communist China to the United Nations at the prospective Korean political conference.

Dulles told a news conference he did not think this question would be appropriate to bring before the conference, which is scheduled to follow 90 days after an armistice.

It was the administration's first definite stand on this issue. Dulles had indicated earlier the United States would be willing for the conference to consider Far East subjects besides a Korean settlement.

The secretary Tuesday indicated the United States will want to discuss measures to prevent Communist forces released by the truce from being used for new aggression in Indochina or elsewhere.

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Fighting Along Korean Front Dwindles Out

Seoul (AP)—Fighting along the Korean front dwindled today into two unsuccessful Communist assaults as truce map makers tried to plot a stable cease-fire line.

The Chinese offensive is over," a high-ranking South Korean officer told United Press correspondent William Miller at the front.

A single Chinese battalion struck southeast of Lookout mountain near the junction of the Kumsong and Pukhan rivers before midnight, but South Koreans repulsed the thrust after almost two hours of fighting.

In the other abortive assault, two Red companies crossed the Kumsong and hit a South Korean position on the south bank. The ROKs drove them back.

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Assurances of Unification to Be Demanded

Panmunjom (AP)—New rumblings of opposition came from South Korea today as Allied and Communist staff and liaison officers put finishing touches on a Korean armistice.

All signs pointed to a cease-fire soon—possibly within the week—but there was no indication just when the historic signing would come.

One group of staff officers and the liaison officers recessed without scheduling further meetings. A second team of staff officers reportedly revising the truce line across Korea worked on into the night. The meeting broke up at 6:45 p.m. and the officers scheduled another session for 10 p.m. tomorrow.

May Change Attitude
But meanwhile, South Korea's Foreign Minister Pyun Yung Tai told newsmen his government might "change its attitude" toward obstructing a truce unless it gets prompt assurances from Washington that Korea will be unified.

He said South Korea also wants guarantees from the United States on how to stop possible new Red aggression.

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Russian Envoy To Tito Arrives

Belgrade, Yugoslavia (AP)—V. A. Valkov, the Soviet Union's new ambassador to Yugoslavia, arrived in Belgrade today. He refused to give any statement to the press but said he would receive newsmen "soon."

Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union recalled their ambassadors after Marshal Tito's break with the Communists in 1948. Since then, each has been represented in the other's capital by a charge d'affaires.

Early last month the Soviet government proposed an exchange of ambassadors, a move interpreted in the West as part of the Kremlin's post-Stalin peace campaign. Yugoslavia accepted and named Dr. Brivoje Vidic as her ambassador to Moscow.

Tropical Heat Swelters East

(By The Associated Press)
Moist, tropical air blanketed the nation from the Rockies to the Atlantic Tuesday, with scattered showers and thunderstorms marking the only relief from warm, sticky weather.

More than an inch of rain fell in widely scattered sections Monday. The wettest spot was Cape Hatteras, N. C., where 6.37 inches fell. Ft. Smith, Ark., got 2 inches while more than an inch fell at Mt. Washington, N. H., and Dickinson, N. D.

Two tornado clouds were sighted near Scottsbluff, Neb., Monday and two others near Veteran and Yoder, Wyo., but the only damage reported was to the roof of a cattle shed.

Cool weather covered most sections west of the Rockies Tuesday, with a Canadian cool front dropping temperatures up to 15 degrees in the Northwest. The Southwest remained hot.

Showers Predicted Perhaps Saturday

The five-day weather forecast out Tuesday calls for possible showers by Saturday, otherwise there is to be a continuance of the fair weather.

Immediate forecast for tonight and Wednesday predicts fair weather tonight, increasing cloudiness and cooler temperatures, Wednesday.

Maximums for the five-day period are due to range from 70 to 80, the minimums from 50 to 55.

The Monday maximum was 78 and Tuesday was not due to be much different.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 78; minimum 50. Total 24-hour precipitation, 0.47. Total 24-hour precipitation, 0.47. Total 24-hour precipitation, 0.47. Total 24-hour precipitation, 0.47.

Fleet Visits Entirely Normal

Washington (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles, commenting on a Russian complaint, said Tuesday a proposed visit by American warships to Turkey is entirely normal.

The Soviet government has protested in a note to the Turkish government that a scheduled visit to Istanbul Wednesday by 10 American warships would constitute "a kind of military demonstration."

The note also protested a scheduled visit July 27 by British fleet units.

In Istanbul, the foreign office said Turkey's reply to Russia would be "easy since such courtesy visits are permitted under the Montreux convention." This convention governs the strategic Dardanelles Straits.

Dulles pointed out that Turkey is a member of the 14-nation North Atlantic pact, which calls for Turkish participation in military, naval and air planning.

74 Teachers Probe Victims

Boston (AP)—The Christian Science Monitor said Tuesday that 74 teachers, professors and students who declined to answer questions of house and senate committees, 30 have been dismissed and 31 others either are threatened with dismissal or have been reduced in rank.

The Monitor published a survey of testimony in the Jenner and Velde committee investigations of education.

The survey covers the calendar year proceedings of the house un-American activities committee headed by Rep. Velde (R., Ill.) and the activities since September 8, 1952 of the senate internal security subcommittee headed by Sen. Jenner (R., Ind.).

The international daily newspaper said that of 146 witnesses, 74 declined on the ground of the Fifth Amendment to answer at least some questions.

'Red Hilde' Outlaws East German Strikes

Berlin (AP)—Strikes were outlawed today in revolt-ridden Soviet-run East Germany. The hated woman minister of justice, "Red Hilde" Benjamin, branded strikes "fascist attempts to overthrow the government."

The East German red regime attempted to sugar-coat this blow to hard-pressed East German labor with an announcement that Russia will help feed the food-short Soviet zone.

Russia has extended 231,000,000 rubles, about \$57,000,000 of credits for food. But the East Germans will be required to repay the Soviets with manufactured goods and labor.

"Red Hilde's" harsh order is designed to assure that East German labor stays on the job to meet the Soviet bill for its help.

In a speech, reported today in the official communist press, Red Hilde warned that all awaits workers in communist East Germany who use strikes to protest intolerable working conditions.

She repudiated a ruling made by her predecessor, former Justice Minister Max Fechner, that communist workers have the right to strike. That, she said, was an evidence of "weakness which will be corrected."

Her action threw the threat of tough prison sentences over thousands of East German workers who participated in earlier strikes against Red industrial management.

Britain Hopes For Armistice

London (AP)—Acting Prime Minister Richard Butler said Tuesday the British government has every reason to hope a Korean armistice agreement can be signed without further delay.

Butler opened a 2-day foreign affairs debate in the House of Commons.

He said a Korean armistice "would be a step forward in the cause of peace everywhere."

"Hostilities in Korea have for three years acted as an absolute bar to any improvement in the general situation in the Far East," he declared.

Butler said Britain stands by the United Nations resolution of May, 1951, barring the export of strategic goods to China. He added:

"What is more we are carrying this out vigorously and intend to do so."

He said it was the government's policy to develop trade in goods which are not subject to security control on the grounds that such trade is of advantage to the free world.

India Requests U. S. Assurances

New Delhi, India (AP)—India has asked the United States and Red China for assurances that any Indian troops sent to Korea to help implement armistice terms will be able to function properly.

India is one of the countries nominated during truce talks to supervise the handling under an armistice of war prisoners who do not want to be repatriated.

The foreign office said Tuesday India has instructed a 7-man advance party to get ready to leave for Korea when an armistice is signed. This party will be headed by Foreign Secretary R. K. Nehru. It will study the situation and report to New Delhi on steps to enable India to meet its responsibilities.

Witnesses Disavow Subversive Moves

New York (AP)—The Jehovah's Witnesses say they disavow "all subversive movements against the institutions of this world."

A resolution adopted by thousands of Witnesses yesterday at their New World Society Assembly added that they "cannot promote, approve or take part in any violent overthrow by men of governments of this world."