

THE WEATHER

GENERALLY FAIR tonight, Saturday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 44; high Saturday, 52.

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Denial Made To Charges by Big Truckers

Brief for Oregon Operators Filed With State PUC

By JAMES D. OLSON Portland—Charges by a big trucker organization of wholesale tax evasion on the part of Oregon truck operators were branded as completely without foundation in fact, and erroneous both in principle and in detail.

The reply to the big truckers charges were made in a brief filed jointly by the state highway commission and Public Utility Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel with the legislative interim highway committee meeting in the state office building here Friday.

The original claims the truck operators in Oregon are defrauding the state to the extent of 32 per cent of their tax mileage was made by the Western Highway Institute, an organization supported by the big truck operators using western highways.

The charge was allegedly based on fact-finding study carried out by the institute at a reported cost of about \$100,000. Reports Misleading

The joint brief filed with the committee repeated the charge made by the Institute which read as follows:

The mileage reported to the Public Utilities Commissioner for gasoline-powered PUC trucks and buses during 1952 was 384,422,622 miles and the estimated gasoline consumption was 54,892,455 gallons. By deducting the estimated gasoline consumption of all other types of vehicles from the total tax paid gasoline consumed in Oregon.

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3 Top Generals Said to Rule Soviet Russia

Churchill Informed Malenkov Called In War Heroes

London (AP)—Reports that a trio of Russian war-hero marshals under the famed Georgi K. Zhukov has taken over real power in the Soviet Union were studied here Friday.

The Evening News said Prime Minister Churchill had been informed. The Foreign Office declined comment.

Fearful that he could not maintain his grip in the wake of the purge of Interior Minister L. P. Beria, the paper says, Premier Georgi M. Malenkov turned in desperation to the professional soldiers of the Soviet army who now are the "power behind the throne."

The article in Thursday night's edition of Lord Rothermere's newspaper was signed by its diplomatic correspondent, C. F. Melville, who said he understood Sir Winston was "so impressed by reports of a take-over of power by a military pro-peace group that he is about to redouble his efforts to get an early round-table between the Russian and Western heads of government."

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TV Network to Come If Needed

The Northwest will have increased television network facilities whenever the television stations order them, F. A. Dresslar, Portland, testified Friday at the public utilities commissioner's hearing on the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's request for a \$3,986,000 annual rate increase in Oregon.

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Brown also asked Dresslar if the company charges excess legal costs against the customers of any one state in its system.

The Thursday maximum went only to 78.

RULES RUSSIA?



Marshal Georgi K. Zhukov

Seek to Swap Atom Secrets

London (AP)—Britain made a new bid Friday to the United States for swapping atom bomb secrets and implied she could tell the Americans a thing or two about atomic matters.

Discussing the second series of British atomic weapons tests, to be held in the Australian desert in October, Supply Minister Duncan Sandys told the house of commons.

"We have made quite sure the United States administration are very well aware of our extreme readiness to have a complete and frank exchange of information," he said.

The exchange, he continued, "would not, in our view, be by any means a one-sided affair."

Sandys did not say specifically whether American observers would be invited to the British tests. They were not bid to the first British atomic bomb explosion, off northwest Australia last October.

20 Drown in Bus Plunge

Morrisburg, Ont. (AP)—Twenty persons drowned Friday in the plunge of a bus with 37 passengers, most of them asleep, into the 20-foot deep Williamsburg canal. Most of the 17 passenger survivors escaped through windows and the emergency door.

The speeding Toronto-Montreal bus struck a parked truck on the main highway, No. 2, between the two cities. Both vehicles toppled 25 feet into the canal, used by Great Lakes shipping to bypass the St. Lawrence river rapids.

Ten bodies were removed from the bus and taken to a funeral home here. The accident occurred at 4 a. m. and 6 1/2 hours later the bus was pulled from the canal with 10 bodies still in it. Others were found on the bottom of the canal.

The bus driver, Lorne Cheesborough, of Kingston, Ont., survived, as did the driver of the truck, Max Roodman of Toronto. Cheesborough suffered shock but Roodman escaped serious injury.

Some of the survivors had to swim 20 feet to safety.

East German Police Seizing U.S. Gift Food

Mass Confiscation Of Parcels Under Way at Potsdam

Berlin (AP)—Communist police Friday began mass confiscation of U.S. gift food parcels which hungry East Germans are bringing back from free West Berlin.

The confiscation campaign began at the big rail terminal in Potsdam, southwest of Berlin, where the Red police intercepted hundreds of persons returning with the food.

The Potsdam station was surrounded by police, and the food bearers were herded into an empty room and stripped of their gifts.

West Berlin police immediately began broadcasting warnings to East Germans to avoid the Potsdam station and try to get home by other routes.

3 Million Parcels The confiscation began just as West Berlin officials announced they had upped their target to three million free food parcels for the East Germans. Food stations in the Western sector braced for a week-end invasion from the east that was expected to boost the first week's distributions to two million.

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Salmon Loss Due to Poachers

Portland (AP)—Poachers have been taking "a very considerable number of salmon that have been prevented by Meridian Dam from completing their migration up the Willamette River's middle fork southeast of Eugene.

Irvine French, superintendent of hatcheries for the Oregon Fish Commission, made the charge Friday, and added that while state police had checked cars of workers and others leaving the dam—now under construction—no one had been caught.

He estimated that from 5,000 to 6,000 spring chinook salmon had been held up by the dam and said that of these, "poachers have taken a very considerable number."

The commission had planned to place racks some distance down stream from the dam to check the salmon, but had been prevented by high water from completing the work. As a result, the salmon bunched in a pool below the dam, he said.

Drop 27,000 From Reserves

Washington (AP)—About 27,000 reserve officers will hang up their uniforms during the next 11 months as the services trim down to the manpower levels for which Congress provided money.

The Air Force will return the greatest number to civilian life—about 12,500 who must be dropped to make room for new lieutenants from the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Death Comes Peacefully to U.S. Senator Robert A. Taft

Russians Shoot Down US Plane In Japan Sea

Washington (AP)—The United States Friday protested to Moscow against the shooting down of a U.S. B50 plane in the Sea of Japan and called on the Russians to release survivors if "presumed" were picked up by Soviet vessels.

One of the plane's crew of 17—Lt. John E. Roche of Washington, D.C.—was rescued by an American destroyer and was quoted by the U.S. Far East Air Force as saying Russian fighters attacked the B50.

The plane was shot down Wednesday. On Thursday, Moscow charged the B50 violated Soviet territory, fired on Soviet fighters arising to intercept it, and disappeared in the direction of the sea.

Deny Violations Gen. O. P. Weyland, commander of U.S. Far East Air Forces, said: "No American airplane has violated Soviet territory."

Roche was picked up by the USS Pickering 40 miles off the Siberian Coast. He had spent 11 hours in the water and another 11 in a boat dropped by a search plane.

UN Delegates OK'd by Senate

Washington (AP)—The new delegation to the United Nations, including Gov. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina whose selection had stirred up some differences among Democrats, won Senate confirmation Friday without discussion on the floor.

Along with Byrnes, Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts was confirmed as chief American representative at the eighth session of the U. N. General Assembly, and Reps. Francis Payne Bolton, R., Ohio, and James P. Richards, D. S. C., as members of the delegation.

These alternates also were confirmed: Archibald J. Carey, Jr., Chicago, a minister of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; James D. Zellerbach, San Francisco, chairman of the board of the Fibre Board Products Co.; Henry Ford II, president of the Ford Motor Co.; Dr. Charles W. Mayo, Rochester, Minn.; and Mrs. Oswald B. Lord of New York, a member of the U. N. Human Rights Commission.

Ike Not to Sign Film Tax Bill

Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower was reported by a republican senator today to have reached a reluctant decision not to sign a bill to wipe out the 20 per cent movie admission tax.

Congress passed the measure a week ago. It cost the treasury an estimated \$100 million a year in revenue. Movie theaters have been closing at the rate of 800 a year since the end of World War II. Theater operators say the tax has discouraged a lot of people from going to the movies. Other persons blame competition from television. Many theater owners testified they would not pass on the saving to ticket buyers.

A group of theater owners who called on the president yesterday to ask that he sign the tax repealer said he listened attentively but made no commitment.

'MR. REPUBLICAN' PASSES



Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, Republican Senate leader, and candidate for the presidential nomination in 1952, who died Friday in Washington.

Ike Calls Taft's Death Tragic Loss to Nation

Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower called the death of Sen. Robert A. Taft Friday "a tragic loss to America."

Within an hour after announcement of the Ohio senator's death in New York, the President and Mrs. Eisenhower drove from the White House to the home of Mrs. Taft in Georgetown to express their sympathy.

Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerity said the President and the first lady either would leave their cards at the Taft home or would express their personal regrets to the senator's widow.

Eisenhower issued this statement: "The passing of Robert A. Taft is a tragic loss to America. The brilliant son of our 27th President, Senator Taft served the people of Ohio and the nation with distinction and integrity."

Loss to Nation, Says Truman

Casper, Wyo. (AP)—Former President Truman declared the death of Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) in New York Friday is "a great loss to the country."

"I am sorry to hear of Sen. Taft's death," Truman said in a written statement. "He and I did not agree on public policy but he knew where I stood and I knew where he stood. His death is a great loss to the country. We need intellectually honest men like Sen. Taft in public service. His family has the sympathy of my family and myself."

Truman is visiting Missouri air national guardsmen undergoing training here.

GOP Leader Succumbs to Rapid Cancer

New York (AP)—Sen. Robert A. Taft, a symbol of republicanism, died Friday of cancer. The end came peacefully for the 63-year-old Ohio republican, about 13 hours after he had lapsed into a deep coma.

At his side were his four sons. Taft's condition suddenly had become critical just four days ago. Then, except for brief intervals, his strength failed rapidly. Not until the end did New York hospital disclose the cause.

"Sen. Taft's life came to an end quietly and without pain at 10:30 a. m. (EST), July 31, 1953," the hospital said. "His death was the result of widespread, highly malignant, rapidly growing tumors."

Taft's wife, Martha, was unable to be with him in his last hours. Herself seriously ill as a result of a stroke three years ago, she was at her home in Washington, too sick to make another trip. She had been flown here for a visit Tuesday.

Taft's death came in a new and major chapter in his career—the job of majority senate floor leader in the first republican administration in 20 years.

His illness, however, forced him to give up the active leadership last June. His death leaves the senate—for the time being—with a one-man democratic majority, 47 democrats, 46 republicans and one independent.

Sick POW to Be First Freed

Panmunjon, Korea (AP)—Red China announced today that the first group of Allied prisoners to be exchanged here next Wednesday will be non-Korean sick and wounded, including "a good number" of Americans.

Peiping radio said the group of 400 prisoners will include most of the French, Turkish, Colombian, Philippine, Australian and Greek POWs. "A good number of American and British POWs are also among the first to be repatriated," the broadcast said.

The Allied POWs will travel 200 miles by train from Yalu river camps to Freedom Village here where they will be exchanged for 2,400 Chinese and North Koreans.

Morse to Keep GOP in Power

Washington (AP)—Senator Wayne B. Morse of Oregon said today that he will vote to keep the republicans in power after the death of Senator Taft, republican senate leader.

Morse, who quit the GOP last fall during the presidential campaign, said he will work to defeat the Eisenhower administration in the 1955 congressional campaigns. But he said he will not take advantage of a parliamentary "emergency" to defeat the will of the people as expressed at the ballot box last fall.

Even before Morse's announcement, Senate Democratic leaders had said they would not try to seize control of the organization now or next year.

Morse's stand was in line with the one he took at the opening of the present session. He said then he would vote with the GOP on organization because that party held the presidency and a majority of the House, and should have full responsibility for running the government.

A few Democratic absentees, which would not be hard to arrange with such opinions prevalent, would be enough to keep the Republicans on top in any organization vote, even if a few Republicans were away.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 78; minimum today, 51. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0; for month: trace; normal, 31. Season precipitation, 43.29; normal, 28.36. River height, -3.1 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

Three Firms Involved In Business Changes

By STEPHEN A. STONE Three prominent Salem firms names in the motor vehicle industry are concerned in a general business change affecting the east side of North High Street between Chemeketa and Center.

State Motors, operated by C. E. Welling at 340 North High, in the center of the block, is relinquishing the Packard agency and leaving the location, and Welling will center his attention on his used car business at 978 South 12th.

The Elmer Motor company, operated by H. J. Elmer at 352 North High, and holding the Willys agency, is taking over the Packard agency, shop equipment and service of State Motors, and will combine the Packard and the Willys franchises.

Stan Baker Motors, operated by Stanley Baker at North High and Chemeketa, holder of the Dodge, Plymouth and the Dodge truck agencies, is expanding, and will take over the building occupied by State Motors. The building is owned by George Weller.

Welling of State Motors said today he would keep the firm name but continue with used car sales only at his South 12th street location. He has been in the automotive business in Salem in the same block 29 years, or since 1924. He started with the Newton-Chevrolet Agency. It was bought by the Portland Motor Car company in 1927. Welling took the Packard agency in 1929. He held both the Packard and the Hudson agencies until 1944, and since then has had the Packard only. He said he was making the change for personal reasons.

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