

THE WEATHER

MOSTLY CLOUDY with scattered showers tonight, Thursday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 53; high Thursday, 74.

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HOME COOKING STILL BEST



Cpl. Edward F. Clevenger of Unionvale, enjoys cake baked by his cousin, Mrs. Nellie Thien, left, upon his return home from Communist prison camp in North Korea. After a visit with friends and relatives Cpl. Clevenger will return to Camp Stoneman, Calif., for discharge Sept. 23.

Adm. Radford For Review of U.S. Defenses

Chairman of JCS Says Red H-Bomb Forces Realignment

Washington, (AP)—Adm. Arthur W. Radford said Wednesday the Russian hydrogen explosion requires that the United States review its defense against such weapons. The new chairman of the joint chiefs of staff told a news conference that U.S. military leaders knew, however, that Russia would achieve an hydrogen explosion sooner or later just as the United States had. He said the fact of the achievement has not changed this nation's strategic planning. Radford did not elaborate on his statement that there should be a review of U.S. defenses. His predecessor, Gen. Omar Bradley, suggests in an article in this week's issue of the Saturday Evening Post that there is need for working out with Canada a more effective all-continent defense command. (Continued on Page 5, Column 4)

Dulles Urges United Nations New Charter

Pre-Atomic Age Provisions Seriously Inadequate Now

Boston, (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles said Wednesday the "pre-atomic age charter" of the United Nations contains "serious inadequacies" and needs to undergo important alterations. In a speech prepared for the American Bar Association, Dulles said he believes the administration can achieve a better world in the face of the "power to destroy himself." But he said the U.N. would have to be changed to make this possible. He recalled that the charter was drafted and signed in San Francisco in early 1945 "when none of us knew of the atomic bomb which was to fall on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945," and added: Provisions inadequate "The charter is thus a pre-atomic age charter. In this sense it was obsolete before it actually came into force." Dulles went on to say that "as one who was at San Francisco, I can say with confidence that if the delegates there had known that the mysterious and immeasurable power of the atom would be available as a means of mass destruction, the provisions of the charter dealing with disarmament and the regulation of armaments would have been far more emphatic and realistic." (Continued on Page 5, Column 5)

Strike Ties Up Atomic Works

Paducah, Ky., (AP)—The full construction force of 15,000 to 16,000 workers at the nearby atomic energy plant was off the job Wednesday, observing a picket line set up by union carpenters. An Atomic Energy Commission spokesman confirmed that the billion dollar project was "shut down."

Rain Worries Bean Growers

Persistent heavy showers of the past two days are creating considerable concern in the ranks of snap bean growers as well as in the hop division of seasonal crops. The rain has virtually halted bean picking although five growers appeared at the employment office Wednesday morning. They returned to their fields with few pickers. Another angle to the situation is the possibility that the rains, coupled with the weight of the unpicked beans will flatten some of the vines. The growth of the beans means that growers will receive a lower price for their product and when picking is resumed the demand for pickers will be unusually heavy. Failure to get the beans off the vines will slow work in the processing plants. (Continued on Page 5, Column 7)

Clues Found to Missing Plane

Ketchikan, Alaska (AP)—Reports of an unidentified plane and an explosion pointed to Northern British Columbia Wednesday and in the wide search for a New Mexico oil man and his four passengers on a flight to the states. Planes from the United States and Canada converged on the Smithers area, some 200 miles east of Annette Island, takeoff point of Ellis Hall of Albuquerque on the ill-fated flight a week ago Monday. The latest report came from a Mrs. Wookley, who lives north of Kiskicko, B.C. The Coast Guard said she reported hearing a plane about 8:30 p.m. the night the Hall plane disappeared and again about 10 p.m. An explosion and a flash of light bright enough to illuminate a room in Mrs. Wookley's home followed, the report to the Coast Guard said.

Malenkov In Full Control

Washington (AP)—Russian experts said today Premier Georgi M. Malenkov seems to be slowly tightening his grip on the reins of power in the Kremlin. They said Soviet army leaders, who might have overthrown Malenkov in the backstage power struggle set off by Stalin's death, now appear to be losing ground. Nikita S. Krushchev, who didn't get on too well with Stalin at times, is edging his way up and looks to be the No. 2 man after Malenkov. His stature has increased following the downfall of Lavrenti P. Beria, purged secret police chief. Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, the "Old Bolshevik" comrade of Stalin, is still running No. 3. But Lt. Gen. Vasily Stalin, son of the former dictator, has dropped out of sight despite his rumored marriage to Svetlana Molotova, the foreign minister's daughter.

French Strikes In Collapse

Paris, (AP)—France struggled back to normalcy Wednesday after almost three weeks of dislocation because of strikes. The general back-to-work movement encountered only a few islands of resistance. Railway trains were running again. Paris buses and subways were back on schedule. Big bundles of mail were being delivered after the long tieup. Telephone calls could be placed to most parts of France, although traffic was much heavier than normal and delays sometimes were long. The two biggest holdouts in industries were the nationalized gas and electricity works and coal miners. Even here, there was some improvement. Gas and electricity were supplied throughout the strikes except for minor disruptions. In some provincial towns, the regular workers were reporting back. The strikes, which at one time had about four million persons off the job, developed as a protest to proposed economy decrees affecting workers in government-run industries. Premier Joseph Laniel's government has not announced its final decision on the decrees.

Fruit Growers Face Heavy Loss

Corvallis (AP)—Western Oregon fruit growers are faced with the threat of heavy loss from brown rot on peaches, plums and plums. County extension agents in many parts of the Willamette Valley reported this week that the fungus has been showing up. Continued damp weather will be costly unless a spray or dust program is started immediately. Dr. H. J. O'Reilly, extension plant pathologist at Oregon State College, said Wednesday.

Yacht Off to Salvage Ship

Astoria (AP)—The 140-foot yacht Caronia left the Columbia River Tuesday after taking on stores at Astoria. It is bound for Canton Island in the Phoenix group where it plans to salvage the President Taylor, an American vessel grounded on a reef there during World War II. The 11 men, 4 women and 7 children aboard expect to be gone about a year. The children will attend school on Canton Island during the efforts of the crew to refloat the big passenger-freighter. William G. Cooney, Portland, majority stockholder of the North Coast Company which was formed for the salvage operation, is aboard.

Inequalities Found in Grant Co. Assessments

By JAMES D. OLSON Startling inequalities in assessments were unearthed in a recently completed reappraisal of properties in Grant county, according to Samuel B. Stewart, state tax commissioner in charge of the assessment and taxation division Wednesday. Some farm land in the county was found to be assessed as low as five per cent of its true cash value while other farm owners were paying taxes on assessments of 240 per cent of true cash value, Stewart said. Timber and mining properties show about the same variation in ratios. Importance of the revelations is the fact that the tax commission is engaged in a state-wide reappraisal program that will eventually affect every county in the state. Stewart said that the study made in Grant county showed that only 50 per cent of the tillable farm land was found to be listed as such on the tax rolls. The study shows that farming, timber and mining properties were being assessed at an average of 29 per cent of the reappraised value. However, Stewart said, 36 rural properties comprising 17.5 per cent of the total, were assessed at or under 20 per cent of the reappraised value and 95 properties, constituting 45.5 per cent of the total, were assessed at or over 40 per cent of reappraised value. Twenty-seven rural properties were found to be assessed at more than 90 per cent of reappraised value. (Continued on Page 5, Column 4)

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Clevenger Tells of Hunger Among POWs

By MIKE FORBES Unionvale—Hunger was the fifth columnist who walked beside United Nations prisoners of war in communist prison camps. That is the opinion of Cpl. Edward E. Clevenger, repatriated prisoner of war, who is now at the home of his father, E. E. Clevenger, Unionvale farmer. "We were hungry all the time," Cpl. Clevenger said. "And the food we were given was bad."

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Russia Puts Korean Peace Issue U.N. Decision

Reds Free 133 Jubilant Yanks From Stockades

Fanmunjon, Korea (AP)—The Communists freed 133 jubilant Americans today and embarrassed their own returnees by injecting sex and military splendor into a reception ceremony. Much to the embarrassment of the returning Communist prisoners who tore off their uniforms as usual, the Red dignitaries produced two beautiful blond Polish interpreters. The Red prisoners covered themselves with their caps. All of the American soldiers returning from Communist captivity as "Operation Big Switch" entered its final two weeks appeared healthy. Their elation over being liberated subsided at nearby Freedom Village where many of them recalled such atrocities as the murder of a man on a death march and the torturing of officers to obtain "confessions." (Continued on Page 5, Column 4)

GIRL SLAIN



The bullet-punctured and partially burned body of Mary Di Rocco, 14, (top) was found in the cellar of her home at Somerville, Mass. A "very pretty" stenographer Mildred McDonald, 25, (bottom), confessed slaying her. Heavy motor oil had been poured over the girl's body and newspapers and a magazine, placed around the girl, had been set ablaze. (AP Wirephoto)

Costs of Living Edges Higher

Washington (AP)—The government reported Wednesday that living costs edged to a new record high in mid-July. The increase was enough to give a million auto industry workers a 1 cent hourly pay boost. It was the second straight month that the government's living cost measurement had hit a record. The index has risen now for five months in a row. Higher prices for food, rent, transportation and medical care were the main items responsible for the new hike in consumer costs. The Bureau of Labor Statistics said its index, known as the Consumers Price Index, reached 114.7 per cent of the 1947-49 average. This is two tenths of 1 per cent higher than in mid-June, which was also a living cost peak. The mid-July level was 1/2 of 1 per cent above a year ago and 12.7 per cent above the level at the start of the Korean War.

450 Freed POW Dock Saturday

San Francisco (AP)—The second transport bearing returning prisoners of war will dock at the San Francisco Port of Embarkation Saturday with approximately 450 released POWs. The transport Gen. William F. Hase is scheduled to dock at 9 a.m. Saturday with the released prisoners and 1400 servicemen on rotation. Three other ships with released POWs aboard are due here during the next two weeks. The hospital ship Haven, with 104 sick ex-prisoners, is due about Sept. 4. The troopship Marine Adder, with 367 released prisoners and 1475 returning troops is due about Sept. 6. The transport Gen. John Pope is scheduled to leave Korea today with 428 ex-POWs.

Iran Seeking Loan to Head-off Bankruptcy

Tehran, Iran (AP)—Premier Fazollah Zahedi appealed directly to U. S. Ambassador Loy W. Henderson today for immediate and substantial financial aid to save Iran from bankruptcy, well informed sources reported. Zahedi told Henderson that ousted Premier Mohammed Mossadeq emptied the treasury before he was overthrown last week in a Royalist coup, informants said. It was indicated that Henderson would make an urgent report to the State Department. The Premier reported immediately to Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi in his talk with Henderson. The Shah promoted Zahedi, who led the Royalist army coup, to the rank of a full general. An American Embassy statement said that Henderson and Zahedi began "working on urgent matters in the interests of their governments." The embassy pointed out after the conference that Iran is to get \$23,500,000 this year under the Point Four aid plan, and possibly more for additional projects. But Iran needs more than this, and needs it as direct aid for the treasury. Informed Iranian sources said that Iran might receive an additional \$30,000,000 under the Point Four program. The Shah said he would accept money from any source, as long as there were no conditions attached.

Request Ruling On West's Split Over Soviet Role

United Nations, N.Y. (AP)—Russia Wednesday put it squarely up to the U.N. to decide whether the Soviet Union could attend the Korean peace conference without being lined up on the communist side. The new Soviet move was a challenge to the United States position that Russia can attend only if the communist belligerents, North Korea and Red China, desire it. Such a proposal is now before the U.N. with United States backing. Soviet Delegate Andrei Y. Vishinsky, however, submitted to the general assembly's 60-nation political committee Wednesday morning an amendment striking out the reference to "the other side." Challenge U. S. Status. This will bring into the open the western split over Russia's role in the conference. Britain, China and some others originally advocated the participation of Russia without any strings attached, but the limiting provisions were inserted on the insistence of the United States. (Continued on Page 5, Column 4)

Bar Condemns Book Burning

Boston (AP)—The house of delegates of the American Bar association has adopted resolutions condemning "book burning" and pledging support for lawyers who, though personally anticommunist, defend subversives as a matter of public duty. "Freedom to read," the delegates voted, "is a corollary of the constitutional guarantee of freedom of the press." The bar association's committee on individual rights, which drafted the resolution, said in its report however that there should be "no doubt that the government may properly restrict the contents of libraries maintained abroad," and it added: "There is no good reason why such libraries should include propaganda against the United States." But when it comes to libraries at home, the report said: "... we are dealing with a policy involving the rights of our own people and... we believe that truth can be counted upon to prevail in a free competition of ideas."

Stenographer Admits Slaying

New York (AP)—A pretty Massachusetts stenographer, sobbing hysterically, admitted to police Wednesday she killed the 14-year-old sister of a former boy friend who broke off with her and married another woman. Police quoted petite Mildred McDonald, 25, of Somerville, Mass., as saying she shot the girl, Mary Di Rocco, on Monday after the child told her the brother was happy with his new wife. The girl had been shot five times, her throat slashed and her body partly burned in the Di Rocco home in Somerville. A sharp-eyed policeman, Patrolman George F. Grace, spotted Miss McDonald near Times Square Tuesday night and took her into custody. He recognized her from an Associated Press Wirephoto he had seen in the New York Daily News only minutes before. For 10 hours, the blonde stenographer protested her innocence. Then near dawn police said, she admitted: "I shot her several times."

Fresh Quakes in Ionian Islands

Argostolion, Greece (AP)—A Greek earthquake expert warned the devastated Ionian islands today they may get more "catastrophic" quakes—but probably not for 40 years. The prediction was made by seismology professor Angelo Galanopoulos, who is touring the stricken islands of Kefallinia, Ithaca and Zakynthos, where an estimated 130,000 made homeless in quakes two weeks ago. Shortly before the professor made his observation, the islands were rocked by new tremors, the worst since the first ones. Walls of partly destroyed buildings tumbled, killing three Italian demolition workers. Greece's King Paul and Queen Frederika continued their tour of the disaster area today, despite the new tremors.

Ike Leaving for Trout Fishing Trip

Denver (AP)—President Eisenhower will leave Denver Thursday for a few days of trout fishing at mountain-locked Fraser, Colo., 78 miles northwest of here. Eisenhower will stay at the Rocky Mountain ranch of an old friend, Aksel Nielsen, president of the Denver Chamber of Commerce.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 61; minimum today, 55. Total 24-hour precipitation, .73; for month, 1.23; normal, .35. Season precipitation, 41.87; normal, 28.66. Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.