

THE WEATHER

MOSTLY CLOUDY with showers tonight, Saturday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 53; high Saturday, 76.

UN Assembly Votes US Plan Peace Meet

Only Countries Who Fought in Korea to Represent Group

United Nations, N.Y. (AP) — The U.N. General Assembly Friday gave an overwhelming endorsement to an American-backed plan for the Korean peace conference despite vigorous Russian opposition.

The plan provides that only countries who fought under the U.N. banner should represent the world organization at the parley.

The vote was 43-5, with 10 abstaining. The Soviet bloc cast the negative vote. India did not participate.

India, averted a certain defeat by withdrawing as a possible participant just before the voting began.

Russia Can Go With United States backing, the assembly recommended that Russia could take part in the conference "provided the other side desires it." This means that, if Russia goes, she will have to sit on the Communist side with Red China and North Korea.

South Korea will sit with the U.N. delegation.

Friday's election concluded the work of the special assembly meeting which opened two weeks ago to choose U.N. representatives at the peace conference.

Soviet Delegate Andrei Y. Vishinsky, however, has given a veiled warning that the Communists may reject the assembly's decisions and try to reopen the whole debate when the assembly convenes its fall session Sept. 15.

Demo Dinner Quit by Kelly

Chicago (AP) — A dispute over plans for the September 14 \$100-a-plate democratic dinner ended Friday with John J. Kelly, the dinner chairman, handing his resignation to Stephen A. Mitchell, the party's national chairman.

Neither Kelly nor Mitchell would comment immediately on the rift.

Kelly phoned a bare announcement that he had resigned because his "ideas conflicted with those of" Mitchell.

A source close to both men said he believed the argument concerned Mitchell's insistence that senatorial candidates in next year's elections be given the limelight.

Mitchell announced shortly before Kelly's resignation that Sen. Guy Gillette of Iowa would serve as toastmaster of the dinner.

Weatherman Cussed for Rain

The drizzle of rain in valley regions went merrily on, Friday despite "threatening" remarks from the many who are unhappy about the weather.

The weather bureau observer said he figured he was about as "unpopular" as a person could be. Farmers, baseball fans, hop growers, orchardists, those planning outdoor receptions and parties and many others called to express their disgust and apprehensions.

But the drizzle goes on, and there's not much the weatherman, or anyone else can do about it.

An apparently there is to be little change through the weekend — but the five-day outlook forecasts better weather by next mid-week, maybe.

In the 24-hour period ending at 10:30 a.m., Friday, .05 of an inch had been measured here, bringing the month's total so far to 1.41 inches. The normal fall for the month to date is .39 of an inch. After 10:30 a.m., however, the precipitation became pretty general.

PLENTY OF CRANBERRIES

Portland (AP) — There'll be plenty of Oregon cranberries for Thanksgiving tables. The U.S. department of agriculture forecast a record crop of about 27,000 barrels, or 27 per cent larger than last year's production.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 71; minimum today, 53. Total 24-hour precipitation: .05 for month; 1.41; normal, .39. Season precipitation, 41.79; normal, 38.79. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

Norblad Balks At Promotion Of Generals

Objects in the Name Of Economy Additional Cost Involved

Washington (AP) — Rep. Norblad (R., Ore.) asked the Marine Corps Friday to explain why it is promoting 22 generals at a time when he said economy is in order.

Norblad, a member of the Armed Services Committee, said in a letter to Gen. Lemuel C. Shepard, Marine commandant, that he had learned the corps was "placing on its rolls and the taxpayers' rolls, an additional 22 generals."

The congressman added that "under an administration which is trying to justify the spending of every taxpayer's dollar this procedure seems very questionable to me."

Limit Not Exceeded A Marine spokesman said the promotions were to fill vacancies and did not exceed the limit on top ranking officers voted by the last congress as part of the military appropriations bill. This spokesman promised a fuller statement later.

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Fire to Cost 75,000 Autos

Detroit (AP) — The Aug. 12 fire which destroyed General Motors' Livonia transmission plant may cost the production of more than 75,000 cars, Ward's Automotive Reports said Friday.

The fire cut off production of hydro-matic transmissions. Because of this Cadillac will remain closed next week for the third straight week. Oldsmobile output was cut 50 per cent this week and Pontiac, GMC truck and Lincoln assemblies have been reduced sharply.

Ward's said the August production setbacks dropped the 1953 total behind the record 1950 pace for the first time. By the end of August 4,375,000 units will have been turned out, the trade paper estimated, compared with 4,394,863 by Aug. 31, 1950.

10,000 Phone Workers Out

Washington (AP) — An estimated 10,000 telephone workers in the Washington area and in West Virginia went on strike today to join thousands of Communications Workers of America members already striking in seven other states.

The Washington-West Virginia walkout began at 5 a.m., EST after negotiations with the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. broke down last night.

Farrell J. Beaver, special union representative, said the strike call affected 7,000 workers in Washington and its suburbs and 3,000 in West Virginia.

"Picket lines are going up at every telephone installation in the area," he said.

The union is seeking pay boosts of from \$2 to \$3 a week while the company is reported to have offered raises of from \$1.50 to \$2.50 for the workers whose wages now range between \$44.50 and \$74.50.

CALAPOOYA CONTRACT

Portland (AP) — L. P. Stubblefield, Eugene, was low of six bidders with an offer of \$37,197 for construction of bank protection and channel improvements of the Calapooya River near Brownsville, the Portland District Army Corps of Engineers announced Friday.

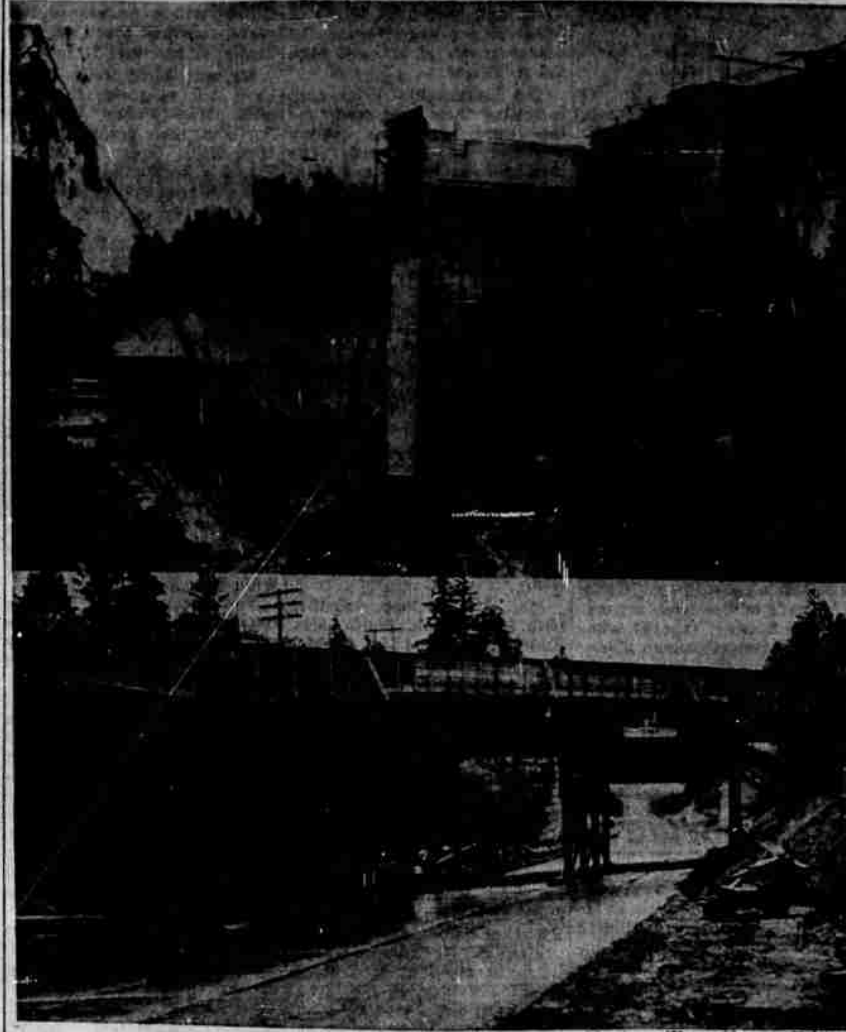
Economy of Valley in Hands of Salem Citizens

The economy of the Willamette valley will be hard hit unless the average citizen of Salem and surrounding territory comes to the aid of the farmer.

This was evidenced during a luncheon meeting Friday noon sponsored by the Willamette Farm Labor Council with Ted Hobart as the president.

Rain has aggravated a situation that was already serious, but the picture is not entirely

TWO PIERS COMPLETED FOR BRIDGE



Find Loot of Boys' Robbery

Providence, R. I. (AP) — A policeman climbed a ladder placed against a tall pole Friday and took \$300 from a bird house.

Another slit opened a bicycle tire. He took \$600 from it. Two policemen with shovels dug along the Woonasquatucket River. They turned up \$300 more.

At a house in the west end of the city, investigators discovered \$300 stuffed up among the floor joists in the cellar.

They found nine \$20 bills, torn into little pieces, buried in a back yard.

From several other hiding places police got enough bills to make up a bundle totaling \$1,800.

Police Capt. Edward H. Kelly said the money was part of \$3,000 stolen Thursday by nine boys from the attic of Mrs. Alice Barrows.

They were being held for further questioning.

Ike Just Loafs in Fishing Camp

Fraser, Colo. (AP) — President Eisenhower, enjoying his first full-time vacation in more than a year, planned to "just loaf" today at a secluded ranch here in the Colorado Rockies.

The President drove from Denver yesterday to the ranch of Aksel Nielsen, an old friend. He intends to stay through next Tuesday.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told newsmen accompanying Eisenhower that the chief executive had decided to wait until tomorrow to do any trout fishing.

A sore elbow which developed while he was fishing at Pine, Colo., last week kept the President from St. Louis creek, which flows through the ranch area.

LUMBER PURCHASE

Yoncalla (AP) — Purchase of the Hans Kissing Lumber Co. by the Yoncalla Lumber Co., recently damaged by fire, was announced Thursday. Price of the Kissing property was not announced.

Fires Rage in Vacation Area

San Bernardino, Calif. (AP) — A forest fire in the Lake Arrowhead vacation area of the San Bernardino mountains subsided Friday, and suppression crews hoped to confine the blaze to uninhabited canyons.

An evacuation appeal was broadcast from loudspeakers on sheriff's cars in five mountain communities Thursday after the flames leaped scenic Rim of the World Highway at two places and streaked up Strawberry peak through the crowns of pine trees.

However, green growth and hastily bulldozed breaks checked the fire after it crossed one ridge on Strawberry peak, foresters said.

Permanent residents ignored the evacuation warning, but tourists left the area in a steady stream.

Steel Erection on Bridge At Wilsonville to Start

Two of three piers virtually completed on Wilsonville bridge shown in picture at top. Work on construction of piers is expected to be completed in three months. Steel erection on bridge to begin about September 15. Lower picture shows overhead roadway to carry southbound traffic over concrete ferry road. Northbound traffic at this point will use present Pacific highway.

Erection of steel on the new Wilsonville bridge is scheduled to begin September 15 and barring extreme high water or some unforeseen delay, will be completed in three months time, W. C. Williams, assistant state highway engineer, announced Friday.

Three of the four piers for the bridge have been virtually completed by the Guy F. Atkinson company, and as work progresses on the fourth pier, on the south side of the Willamette river, placing of steel will begin on the north side.

Williams estimated that the \$1,800,000 bridge will be open to traffic by July, 1954, barring any unforeseen delays.

The steel will be furnished and placed by the Bethlehem Pacific company. When the steel is completely placed, the Atkinson company will return to lay the deck of the bridge.

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Alabama Bans Union Shop

Montgomery, Ala. (AP) — Gov. Gordon Persons Friday signed a bitterly disputed bill outlawing the union shop and similar labor-management agreements in Alabama.

In a message to the house of representatives Persons said he approved the bill "because I believe in free labor and free enterprise."

The bill makes it unlawful to require an employe to join a labor organization in order to hold his job. It also prohibits the mandatory checkoff of union dues.

Thus it would outlaw the union shop, maintenance of membership, or any similar contract provisions which require union membership as a condition of employment.

Oregon State Bar Wins ABA Award

Boston (AP) — The American Bar Association yesterday presented to the Oregon State Bar its highest award for public service performed in the last 12 months.

Competition was among 22 states in Oregon's population class. The bar's legislative aid program at the 1953 session was basis for the award along with its initiating and developing revision of Oregon statutes, its program for elimination of judicial delay and its continuing legal education program.

Reds Agree to Return All POW Including 'Criminals'

Airforce to Stage Combat Type in Far East Games

Tokyo (AP) — The U.S. air force said Friday night that giant B36 bombers flown to Japan this week under warlike secrecy are teaming with other warplanes in a "realistic combat-type" Far East exercise, within 700 miles of Vladivostok, a Russian stronghold base.

A mass flight of B36s, capable of carrying atomic bombs anywhere in the world, landed near Tokyo Tuesday after a trailblazing flight across the Pacific.

A second flight landed Friday morning for the exercise, dubbed "Operation Big Stick."

An official Far East air force release said the huge bombers are "conducting an operational training exercise in the Far East... involving realistic combat type training missions."

A veil of secrecy hung over the operation and the air force would not reveal either the number of planes in the exercise or its duration.

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Indian Troops Take Charge Of Balking POW

Panmunjom, Korea (AP) — The first contingent of Indian troops moved into the Korean militarization zone today to take charge of war prisoners refusing to go home.

They were soldiers from the Indian hospital unit which has been attached to the First British Commonwealth division since the early part of the war.

Guards from India proper have not yet arrived. The Indians will guard the reluctant prisoners while interrogators on both sides attempt to persuade the captives to change their minds.

The United Nations is holding 14,000 Chinese and some 5,000 North Koreans who said they would prefer death to returning to a life under Communism.

South Korean President Syngman Rhee turned loose 27,000 anti-Red North Koreans last June in an act that almost torpedoed the truce.

Phone Wage Demand Met

Seattle (AP) — A union leader said Friday the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. has met the union's demand for a new wage pattern and the negotiation "looks encouraging."

Douglas Chisholm, leader of the Communications Workers of America CIO, said negotiations were continuing Friday under another extension of the negotiation period.

He said there are some other demands "on the table" for discussion. About 7,000 Washington and North Idaho employes are involved.

Chisholm said the company had agreed to increase up to \$3 a week in the plant department, \$2 in traffic and \$3 in the accounting department. He said such increases would lift the top scale to \$98 in the plant section in the major cities of the state and to \$61.50 in traffic.

Panama Seeks Canal Rent Hike

Panama, Panama (AP) — A delegation prepared to sail today for the United States to press Panama's demand for more U. S. rent for the canal zone. Backing them, thousands rallied in downtown Panama City last night.

Negotiations between Panama and the United States on revision of the 1904 Panama Canal Zone Treaty will begin in Washington September 10.

Under the 1904 pact, the United States paid \$250,000 in gold annually for the 10-mile-wide strip of land bordering the canal. A later treaty made the annual payment of \$430,000.

Thousands of persons jammed the Cinco de Mayo Plaza for the mass rally last night.

The tone was friendly to the United States but speakers insisted that Panama was not getting enough rent.

Russia Rejects Protest of U. S.

Washington (AP) — Russia has rejected the U.S. government's protest over the shooting down of an American bomber in the Far East on July 29 and said it knows nothing of any survivors.

There were 17 crewmen on the plane. One of them, co-pilot John E. Roche, was rescued by an American ship.

In a protest over the incident lodged with Moscow Aug. 5, the United States had asked for information on persons presumed to have been picked up by Soviet boats. The State Department announced late Thursday that a note from the Russians disclaimed knowledge of survivors.

Department press officer Lincoln White said this country stands on its contention that the U.S. plane was attacked over the open sea, about 40 miles southeast of Soviet Siberian territory.

Hot Weather Prevails in East

(By The Associated Press) More hot and dry weather was in prospect today in wide areas in the eastern half of the nation.

No general cooling or rain appeared in sight for at least a couple of days in the hot belt which extended from the Plains states to the Atlantic Seaboard.

Weather records for the date again were broken in many cities yesterday. Temperatures soared into the 90s over most of the central part of the country for the third straight day.

St. Louis and Louisville sweltered in readings of 98. It was 97 in Chicago, Cincinnati and Cleveland. The east also got 90-plus temperatures with 96 in Philadelphia, 94 in Washington and 93 in New York. Boston escaped hot blasts and reported a cool 69.

Water shortages continued to plague suburban areas of Chicago and Detroit.

Arizona Seeks Rights To Colorado River

Washington (AP) — Arizona asked the U. S. Supreme Court again today to confirm its right to 3,800,000 acre feet of water each year from the Colorado river.

In a 51-page brief supported by an equal amount of exhibits and similar material Arizona replied to a defense filed last May by California, several Southern California water districts, and the cities of Los Angeles and San Diego.

In the suit, Arizona seeks to clinch title to 3,800,000 acre feet and have California's share, under a seven state Colorado River compact, set at 4,400,000 acre feet.

In its new brief Arizona denied that the compact and sub-

144 Americans Freed Tell of Red Brutality

Panmunjom, Saturday (AP) — A returned U.S. prisoner told Friday the communists told his camp they would return all captives, including those convicted of "germ warfare" or other "crimes" which carried sentences of "no repatriation."

The report came as the communists turned back 144 more Americans, many of whom told of continuing brutality and torture behind closed doors right up to the armistice.

Lt. Roy T. Boyd, Winnetka, Ill., said the Chinese commander at his camp told prisoners a few days ago the Reds would return all prisoners, adding that this "includes criminals and men convicted of germ warfare."

Criminals Coming Back There have been previous reports that men sentenced to jail terms extending beyond the armistice for "crimes" were coming back, but the fate of officers and men convicted of "germ warfare" was in doubt.

Feiping has maintained that under terms of the Geneva convention for treatment of war prisoners, the communists had a right to withhold men convicted of "crimes."

The United Nations command pointed out the armistice agreement calls for the return of all willing prisoners.

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Torture Trial Told by POW

Freedoms Village (AP) — A young Maryland soldier said Friday that the Chinese Reds tortured him with a device like that used by medieval lords many centuries ago.

It was a crude arrangement of boards which fit around a man's chest, his back and his sides.

When screws are turned the boards tighten on his body. Cpl. Franklin Eugene Harding, 20, Rockville, Maryland, a captive of the Reds for 34 months—said the Chinese Reds used the device on him last February to extract a confession that he had "sabotaged" them.

Harding said the Reds accused him and 17 other American prisoners of holding a "kangaroo court" to punish fellow Americans who had collaborated with their captors.

Harding said he had not participated in the court but the Reds wanted to pin something on him.

Oregon Marine Well Treated

Tokyo (AP) — An Oregon marine, captured eight days before the war ended, told today how the Reds gave him "the best possible medical attention," including candy, nuts, chicken and all the fruit he wanted.

Pfc. Leonard E. Steege, 20, Medford, Ore., wounded shortly before he was captured by a Communist raiding party July 16, said his captors, none of whom could speak English, dressed his wounds and gave him morphine. He said Chinese female nurses at a forward hospital "ran around and got me anything I wanted."

"I think they treated me nice because they knew the war was about to end," he said. "Other guys who had been there longer said this nice treatment had been going on for a couple of months."

The young Marine, who is awaiting air shipment home, said he knew the war was over because the Chinese "sang all night and staged a wild party. He said they "seemed overjoyed."

M. E. COUNCIL HEAD

Kansas City (AP) — George A. Goodman, Corvallis, Ore., was elected chairman of the National Methodist Student Council here Thursday. He was attending the 13th annual meeting of the National Conference of Methodist Youth.