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GENERALLY FAIR this evening, few low clouds or fog Sunday morning, otherwise fair and warmer. Low tonight, 58; high Sunday, 73.

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Contract for WV Irrigation Water Oked

Willamette Basin Commission Ends Long Negotiations

Final approval of a contract for use of water in Willamette valley reservoirs was announced today by the Willamette River Basin Commission.

Approval came after months of negotiating between the bureau of reclamation, sales agent for the water; army engineers, builders of the dams and storage reservoirs, and the Willamette River Basin Commission which acts as the agent for the state in the sales.

Detroit Included

Basin project reservoirs affected by the contract are Fern Ridge, Cottage Grove, Dorena and Detroit. Lookout Point reservoir is to be added shortly.

Under terms of the agreement, landowners may contract for use of water available for irrigation which may be applied beneficially in accordance with good usage.

Landowners will be responsible for "taking, diverting, conveying and utilizing" the waters. They will be accorded equal priority and rate changes will be authorized only after consultation with the commission.

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Fluoride Use Wins in Bend

Bend (AP)—An Oregon Supreme Court decision on whether cities have the right to add fluoride to their water supplies is expected as a result of an action here Saturday by Circuit Judge E. H. Howell of Circuit Court.

Howell dismissed a temporary order granted last February restraining Bend from putting fluoride in its water.

Craig C. Coyner, attorney for William J. Baker, who obtained the order, served notice he would appeal to the State Supreme Court. Judge Howell said that if the court handed down a decision in time, it would be to his knowledge be the first State Supreme Court in the nation to rule on the fluoridation question.

East Swelters In Heat Wave

(By The Associated Press) One of the summer season's longest heat waves showed no sign of breaking today. Sunny skies, with no rain, were indicated for the week-end for wide areas from the Rockies to the Atlantic Coast.

The late August hot spell continued to break temperature records for the date in many cities again yesterday. The mercury climbed into the 90's in nearly every section except the Far West and in sections of New England. It was hotter in some northern Midwest cities than in Florida.

Readings reached 90 or higher in many cities in the southwest and indications were for a week-end of the same temperatures.

In Newark, N. J., yesterday's top was 100. Chicago sizzled for the third straight day in 97 degrees, the 31st day this summer of 90-plus readings as compared to a normal of 12.

Fair Weather Ends Long Rain

Blue skies and bright sunshine were welcomed in Salem, Saturday morning, following a week of showers and cooler temperatures. There was some suggestion of fog early Saturday morning.

The forecast calls for generally fair weather tonight and Sunday, except for some low clouds or fog in the morning, and warmer temperatures.

Rainfall for the 24-hour period ending at 10:30 a.m. Saturday amounted to .29 of an inch in Salem, bringing the month's total up to 1.65 inches against a normal of .40 of an inch for the period.

Maximum yesterday, 61; minimum today, 50. Total 24-hour precipitation .29; for month: 1.65; normal, .40. Season precipitation, 44.54; normal, 38.79. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

Reds Shifted to Other Jobs by U. S. Printer

McCarthy Charges Gambling Ring Operates in Office

Washington (AP)—The head of the government printing office (GPO) testified Saturday 15 employees alleged to have communist connections have been shifted to jobs where they have no access to secret material.

Public Printer Raymond J. Blattenberger made the disclosure at a public hearing of the Senate's permanent investigations subcommittee, which is looking into charges that red-tinted GPO employees may have "leaked" secret data.

He said they have been transferred to the Library of Congress and will stay there until decision is made whether they should be discharged.

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California Fires Under Control

San Bernardino, Calif. (AP)—Fire fighters, aided by fog and mist, virtually won their battle Saturday against a four-day forest fire which menaced but did not reach mountain cabins in the Lake Arrowhead resort area.

Officials said the fire was controlled on the upper or northern side of scenic ridge of the world highway. The real danger lay there, because if the fire had progressed northward it could have consumed about 450 cabins in the Twin Peaks-Alpine area about five miles west of Lake Arrowhead.

One hundred fire fighters were able to descend into Coldwater Canyon, below the highway, where the main remaining fire was bottled up. They hoped to accomplish complete control later in the day.

Ben Gold Plans To Surrender

New York (AP)—Ben Gold, charged with falsely denying he was a Communist, will surrender in Washington Monday, his lawyer said Saturday.

Gold, president of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union was indicted by a federal grand jury in Washington Friday. He was accused of lying in a 1950 affidavit swearing he was not a Communist.

Gold, a well-known Communist for many years, formally left the party and took a non-Communist oath to comply with the Taft-Hartley law. Under that law the services of the National Labor Relations Board may be used only by unions whose officers take non-Communist oaths.

Gold's union, with a reported 100,000 members, was expelled from the CIO on charges of being Communist-dominated.

NEW YORK HOT

New York (AP)—The temperature rose to 90 degrees Saturday in New York City—the fifth day in a row that it has gone that high. Sweltering weather through the week end was predicted.

Large Beans Bring Bigger Pay to Pickers

The statement that "thar's gold in them thar hills" might well be applied to the bean patches, judging by assertions of farmers, employment officials and packers of the succulent pod.

During a session of the Willamette Valley Farm Labor Council Friday, where growers, from various parts of the valley as well as representatives of processors and employment services discussed the critical situation, it was emphasized that the novice could make excellent wages, while the more experienced harvest hand could really strike it rich.

The rain, while delaying the harvest of beans, has increased the size of the pods. The pay to the picker doesn't vary and the big ones bring 2 1/2 cents a pound. However, the grower faces a sliding scale when he weighs in—the larger beans bring a smaller price.



\$1 Million Fire Loss at Pueblo

Pueblo, Colo. (AP)—A million dollar fire erupted in predawn darkness here Saturday in the heart of this southern Colorado steel city, gutting three buildings and killing one elderly man.

The blaze started in a small, second story hotel and hit a paint store below.

"The paint blazed up like a blowtorch," a reporter said. The flames spread into the old five-story Central office block next door on the corner of First and Main.

The Fire Department listed O. G. Pope as dead. His body was believed trapped in the mound of smoldering debris. Pope was a retired Pueblo attorney who maintained a small apartment in the office building. Firemen heard his scream but were unable to rescue him.

Indians Avoid Attacking U. S.

New Delhi, India, (AP)—Indian newspapers expressed disappointment Saturday over India's withdrawal from the Korean political conference but avoided attacking the United States for opposing Indian participation.

"The issue never was nor is between India and the United States," said the Hindustan Standard of New Delhi and Calcutta.

"Thanks to the frankness of U. S. spokesmen," said the paper, "it has been shown in sharp relief as a conflict between two conceptions regarding the nature of the Korean conference."

The Times of India, published here, in Bombay and Calcutta, said "for the United States the victory is more in the nature of a moral defeat."

Mitchell Runs Demo Dinner

Chicago (AP)—The main job of directing plans for the Democratic fund raising dinner in Chicago on Sept. 14 has been taken over by Stephen A. Mitchell, the party's national chairman.

Mitchell took charge of arrangements for the \$100-a-plate dinner after John J. Kelly, a Chicago attorney, quit yesterday as chairman. He said his ideas "conflicted" with those of Mitchell.

Party leaders said Kelly's resignation could not be termed a party rift but rather a personal matter. Kelly reportedly was miffed because he was not named toastmaster at the dinner at which it is hoped to raise \$250,000 to pay off national committee debts. Mitchell earlier had announced that Sen. Guy M. Gillette of Iowa would be toastmaster.

THERE SHE GOES!



Pueblo, Colo.—Part of the Central Block at Pueblo, Colo., falls at about 4:30 a.m. in a \$700,000 dollar fire in which one man is believed to have died. The \$700,000 figure applies to the Central Block only. There were three buildings besides this one lost. (AP Wirephoto)

Railway Conductors Strike September 10

Major walkouts by some 60,000 telephone workers and 25,000 rubber workers, all members of the CIO, continued Saturday as a new strike was threatened by the Order of Railway Conductors, an independent union with 35,000 members.

On the brighter side of the telephone strikes, a walkout by Bell system employees in Washington, D. C., Maryland and West Virginia ended after one day. About 10,000 workers were involved.

The Order of Railway Conductors said Friday night it planned a strike on some railroads at 5 a.m., local standard time, Sept. 10. The conductors are seeking more pay. Brotherhood officials said in Chicago and Cedar Rapids, Ia., all conductors will not be called out simultaneously. However, they said they will consider expanding the strike until an agreement is reached in the wage dispute.

The conductors are seeking a graduated rate of pay, which the National Mediation Board said is an unsettled demand dating back to 1949. Engineers and firemen already have such a graduated rate, based on the power of locomotives.

Gov. Phil M. Donnelly of Missouri stepped into the strike of 53,000 CIO Communication Workers against Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., now in its 10th day.

Donnelly said he would order the State Board of Mediation to meet and offer its own solution if the two parties do not get together on a settlement by Sunday night.

Trial Opens of Slayer of 3

Perce, Quebec, (AP)—A burly 39-year-old prospector-woodsman today faced trial on a charge of murdering one of three Pennsylvania hunters whose bear-gnawed remains were found last month in the Gaspé wilderness bush.

A provincial magistrate's court last night ordered Wilbert Coffin, the last man known to have seen the three Americans alive, to stand trial in the death of 17-year-old Richard Lindsey, of Hollingsburg, Pa.

Young Lindsey's remains were found in the bush 65 miles west of Gaspé along with those of his father, Eugene H. Lindsey, 47, and a chum, Fred Clair, 20, of East Freedom, Pa.

The court's decision was announced by Magistrate Joseph Duguay following 12-hour-long preliminary hearing in which 17 witnesses testified.

Heppner Flood Washes Out Bridges

Heppner, (AP)—Flooding waters of Willow creek yesterday washed out two railroad bridges, muddied several homes in Lexington and temporarily closed roads in the Lexington-lone area.

Police said no major damage or no injuries to persons in the area was reported.

News to Return All POW Who Desire Repatriation

Pella and Tito In Diplomatic Crisis on Trieste

Rome (AP)—Premier Giuseppe Pella summoned the Big Three diplomat envoys into conference today and called an emergency meeting of his cabinet to consider a sudden new diplomatic crisis with Yugoslavia over Trieste.

Pella also conferred with Gen. Efasio Marras, chief of the Italian General Staff.

Pella discussed with the diplomat and Marras the possibility that Yugoslavia might try to annex its Trieste occupation zone. Italian informants said he would move troops toward the frontier if any such move were made and that he told the Allied diplomats he would take unspecified "counter measures."

Protests Aid to Tito

A dispatch sent out yesterday by the semi-official Yugoslav news agency Yugaspress caused the crisis. It said that Marshal Tito considered annexing "Zone B," the Yugoslav occupation zone of the Trieste territory area set up after World War II. The Unit-

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Manpower Supply Short

St. Louis (AP)—Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national Selective Service director, said Saturday the supply of manpower for the armed forces soon will be exhausted unless men previously deferred because of fatherhood or physical disabilities—a group numbering almost 3 million—are drafted.

Speaking before a meeting of the American Legion's security commission here, Hershey said there are few men left on original manpower registration lists other than the 1,100,000 men deferred because of dependent children and the 1,800,000 men deferred because of physical disability.

Hershey told the commission, meeting prior to the Legion's national convention opening Monday, he favors universal military training, although the armed forces do not. Under the present program of two-year enlistments for draftees, he said, the armed forces are building up a huge secondary army of reserves.

Rebuilding of Flint Started

Flint, Mich. (AP)—Plumbers, painters, carpenters, bricklayers—some professionals, some amateurs—turned out by the hundreds here Saturday to help their fellow man.

The "good samaritan" army moved into Flint's northern outskirts at 8 a.m., intent on restoring in two days what a tornado tore down in minutes June 8—over 100 homes.

All that was asked of property owners by participants in "operation tornado" was: Have the material at the building site.

Volunteers came in groups from unions, churches, factories and patriotic and fraternal organizations.

Russia Rejects Big 4 Meet on Austrian Pact

Washington (AP)—Russia rejected Saturday a bid by the western powers to hold a four-power meeting to seek conclusion of an Austrian independence treaty. The session had been set for London Monday.

The Soviet had refused previously to attend a meeting last May 27 for the same purpose.

A note received by the State Department and promptly made public said the U. S. had not withdrawn a proposed short form treaty which together with Britain and France it had put forward more than a year ago in an effort to break the East-West deadlock over a regular Austrian treaty.

Gen. Van Fleet Impressed by Chiang Forces

Taipei, Formosa (AP)—Gen. James A. Van Fleet, former U. S. 8th Army commander, said Saturday his visit to Formosa impressed him with the "tremendous capability" of Chiang Kai-Shek's Chinese Nationalist forces.

Gen. Van Fleet, who flew to Hong Kong at the end of a two-day visit, added, however, "I'd be very pleased to have them better equipped."

"My heart is in Asia," he said. "I'd like to see everything done to present a position of strength."

Van Fleet, now connected with a private American aid group for Korea, was interviewed at Taipei's Sungshan airport.

Told that an American columnist Robert S. Allen reported Korea's President Syngman Rhee had offered Van Fleet command of the South Korean army, the general said:

"It's news to me. That's the first I've heard of it."

Only 2 POW From Northwest

Panmunjom (AP)—Two men from the Pacific Northwest were among American prisoners of war returned Saturday in the 29th day of the Korean armistice POW exchange.

They are Sgt. IC. Ray L. Servatius, mother, Mrs. Will H. Servatius, 1248 Billings St., Clarkston, Wash., and Pvt. Lowell E. Snapp, mother, Mrs. E. Snapp, Merrill, Ore.

In Clarkston, Mrs. Servatius said "This is the happiest day I can remember."

The family had not heard from the sergeant since October 29, 1952, two days before he was captured. But last Sunday a note released POW called from San Francisco to say Sergeant Servatius probably would be free soon.

The released soldier was a member of the Idaho National Guard when called up May 7, 1951.

Evictions for Food Packages

Berlin (AP)—The Communists threatened today to evict from their homes any resident of the Soviet sector of the city who accepts an "Eisenhower package" of free American food.

The Communist Party newspaper "Neues Deutschland" reported that "house committees" on East Berlin's Stalin Allee had recommended eviction of apartment dwellers who collect American food in West Berlin. Stalin Allee is a large Red housing project.

The number of East Germans visiting West Berlin to claim the prized food packages slumped sharply today under the pressure of increasingly tight Red controls on traffic and severe punitive measures.

FRENCH IN NEW DRIVE

Hanoi, Indochina, (AP)—French union land, sea and air forces launched a new drive against the Communist-led Vietminh Saturday southwest of Haiphong.

22 Americans Refuse Return To Native Land

Panmunjom (AP)—The Communists said Saturday they would return all Allied prisoners wanting repatriation, including all those the Reds sentenced to jail for offenses allegedly committed during captivity.

The Reds also told the joint Prisoner of War Repatriation Commission that more than 300 Koreans and "more than 20 non-Koreans" are refusing to be repatriated.

The Reds continued: "Owing to the fact that the operation of repatriation is still going on, our side shall continue to persuade them to be repatriated."

"Therefore, there still will be changes in this number."

In Washington, a State Department spokesman commented:

Action Pleases U. S.

"We are gratified that the Communists appear now to have accepted the consistent position of this government that the armistice requires the return of all prisoners desiring repatriation."

At the port of Incheon, a repatriated Brooklyn, N. Y. man, Pfc. John J. McNeill, said he had been told that 22 Americans and one British soldier were among those either refusing or reluctant to be released.

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10,218 Allied POW Returned

Panmunjom (AP)—The Communists have returned 10,218 Allied prisoners, including 2,367 Americans, as of Saturday—the 28th day of the great Korean war prisoner exchange.

The Reds originally promised to return 12,783 Allied soldiers—3,313 of them Americans—but last week they said the figure would be increased because it did not list soldiers captured in the last days of the war.

The U. N. command has delivered 50,117 North Koreans and 5,502 Chinese.

The Allies said they would return 69,000 North Koreans and 5,500 Chinese, in all, but have already exceeded the figure for Chinese and have indicated they hold about 250 more.

Lord's Prayer Revision Asked

Freedom Village, Korea (AP)—Freed American prisoners said today the Chinese tried to make them revise the Lord's Prayer by giving thanks to the Reds instead of God.

"They wouldn't let us hold religious services and banned the Lord's Prayer because we thank God for our daily bread," Sfc. Richard Perez of San Jose, Calif., said.

"They wanted us to say, 'We thank the Chinese for our daily bread,'" Cpl. Lew Geisendorfer, 25, of Denver, said.

'Progressives' In Red Plays

Freedom Village, Korea (AP)—Two liberated Americans told Saturday of some fellow prisoners who "disgraced themselves, their country and their uniform" by appearing in Communist plays while in North Korean stockades.

The repatriates were Sgt. Wilbert R. Esterbrook of Portland, Maine, and Sgt. Ernest A. Fortuna of New Orleans.

Esterbrook said that in one play "a prisoner come on the stage wearing an American army uniform with make-believe dollars for buttons and with an atom bomb over his shoulder."

Fortuna said another prisoner "played the part of an American army officer and spouted a lot of junk about imperialist aggression and inhumane warfare."