

THE WEATHER

MOSTLY FAIR tonight, Wednesday, except for some morning cloudiness. Low tonight, 54; high Wednesday, 80.

SETS ALTITUDE MARK



Marine Lt. Col. Marion E. Carl climbs out of the Navy's Douglas Skyrocket research plane at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. The Navy announced in Washington Aug. 31 that Carl set a new altitude record of 83,235 feet during a test of a newly developed high-altitude flying suit on Aug. 21. Carl is from Hubbard, Ore., and is stationed at Quantico, Va. (Navy Photo via AP Wirephoto)

Oil Land Issue Tossed Back To Thornton

State Board of Control Replies to Attorney General

By WILLIAM WARREN
The State Board of Control today tossed back to Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton the controversial question concerning so-called tidelands oil bill passed by the 53rd Congress.

That bill quitclaims the federal government's title to the submerged lands offshore the Pacific, Atlantic and Gulf states.

Thornton, a Democrat, recently wrote the board members, Gov. Paul Patterson, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry and State Treasurer Sig Unander—all Republicans—leaving it up to them whether he should join the attorneys general of five other states in testing the constitutionality of the act giving the offshore lands to the bordering states.

Letter to Thornton
Today the three board members sent a joint letter to Thornton:

"We note that you state some figures as to the supposed values of the lands involved and the possible value of Oregon's share if these fanciful values were realized. You do not comment upon the effect of the loss to the state of Oregon of the 676,000 acres which we gained by the law, which lie under the sea, or the 400,000 acres under the bays and navigable streams. Neither do you comment upon the some \$30,000 estimated return that Oregon now receives from the lands that it now owns, nor upon the probability of Oregon obtaining a great revenue through future development of these lands."

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No Penalty for Looting Estate

Klamath Falls (AP)—A charge of embezzling \$6,500 against W. Lamar Townsend, 53, Klamath Falls attorney, was dismissed in circuit court here Tuesday after the district attorney said Townsend's alleged actions were not a crime under Oregon statutes.

Townsend was executor of the estate of his late friend, Dr. Joseph M. Cronin, Klamath Falls surgeon, who died May 25, 1950. Last July four indictments were returned against Townsend, each alleging embezzlement from the Cronin estate. These were dismissed and a single indictment alleging embezzlement of \$6,500 was returned.

District Attorney Frank Alderson said he had found that Oregon's statute does not cover embezzlement by executors or administrators of estates, therefore Townsend had committed no crime. Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg dismissed the charges. Alderson said:

"It appears there is a serious defect in the Oregon statutes, in that there is no provision to cover such a state of facts as alleged in this indictment."

Negro Leader of Reds Testifies

Seattle, (AP)—Paul Bowen, described by the government as leader of the Communist "Red movement" among Negroes in the Northwest, testified Tuesday he joined the Communist Party because he felt its program was aimed to "help" his people.

Resuming the witness stand at start of the 20th week of government's anti-Communist trial Bowen described as "utterly false and untrue" the government's charges that he and five other defendants had conspired to teach and advocate overthrow of the government.

"It (the Communist Party) was concerned with the force and violence exercised for 300 years against the Negro people," he said.

"It had a program to mitigate this force and violence, and it was this program I accepted." He joined the party in March, 1943, but withdrew when he was drafted because it was "strict policy" that members going into the armed forces should disaffiliate themselves, he testified.

UN Ordered to Restore Jobs to Fired Clerks

Tribunal Also Imposes Heavy Damages to Suspected Reds

United Nations, N.Y. (AP)—A United Nations high tribunal ordered the U.N. Tuesday to restore jobs to four employees and pay damages totaling \$122,500 to seven others.

All of them American citizens, they were fired because they refused to answer U.S. government questions about alleged Communist ties.

The four-member international board, highest appeals court for the U.N. staff held for an employee to invoke the U.S. Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer such questions did not violate any U.N. staff rules.

Upholds Firing of Nine
But the tribunal upheld the firing of nine others—seven involved in Communist inquiries and two for non-political reasons—because they were "temporary-indefinite"

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East Swelters In Humid Heat

(By The Associated Press)
The summer's longest heat-wave continued mercilessly Tuesday, and at least 28 deaths were attributed to the withering, oppressive weather.

Hundreds of other persons were overcome by the heat. The high temperatures, ranging in many cases beyond the 100 mark, covered a wide section eastward from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic coast.

There was no immediate prospect of cooler temperatures, nor of rain—at least for two days, and possibly longer. In Pennsylvania, 17 deaths were attributed to the heat spell, now in its second week. The New York City area's heat left at least six persons dead. Three died in Texas, and at least one person in Chicago and one in St. Louis.

The midday temperature in Chicago reached 99 degrees. It was the ninth straight day of 90-degree weather in Chicago.

Survey Will Furnish ARP At Airport

Salem's municipal airport, McNary Field, is going to have an ARP.

If you don't know what that is, it means "airport reference point," meaning the exact pinpoint on the field at which longitude, latitude and elevation will be determined. At present these are determined with reference to the whole area of the field, which is not considered an accurate method of determination.

Cecil McInnis and two others representing the United States Geodetic Survey arrived in Salem today and started a new survey of the field which will result in establishing the ARP. They expect it to be here until Friday.

It isn't McInnis' first job at the Salem airport. He made a survey three years ago, and in the present survey will note changes in building construction, tree growth, etc.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 73; minimum 47. 24-hour total precipitation, 0.1 for month; 0.1 normal. 25. Season precipitation, 0.1 normal. 22. (A new weather year, started September 1.) River height, -3.3 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

State Plans Re-survey Of Prison Flax Industry

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Russia Explodes Second H-Bomb

Washington, (AP)—An American atomic scientist suggested Tuesday that Russia may have two separate atomic teams—one working on H-bomb development, the other striving to improve A-bombs—and "presumably has more atomic capability from the standpoint of numbers of scientists than we have thought."

Dr. Ralph Lapp, who worked on the wartime Manhattan project which produced the first American A-bomb said he drew that inference from the Atomic Energy Commission's (AEC) announcement that Russia set off another explosion of the hydrogen type, on Aug. 23.

Noting the previous AEC announcement of a Russian explosion Aug. 2—a blast which the AEC said had indications of involving a "thermonuclear" hydrogen reaction as a fission type.

Benson Talks Farm Problems

Mineral Springs, S. C. (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson said Tuesday government farm programs give the farmer too little income and too little security, yet at the cost of too much dependence upon Washington.

"I am sure you agree with me that we should not pile up huge excesses of food in storage when it could, and should, go into stomachs," he said. "That we should not accumulate vast stocks of surplus fibers at the expense of the public. Neither should we price our products out of normal markets."

"Where such conditions exist, we should be derelict in our duty if we did not seek improvements. But let it be very clear that seeking improvements in farm programs does not mean seeking lower prices or lower income for farmers."

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Carl Tells of World Record Altitude Flight

Los Angeles (AP)—Lt. Col. Marion E. Carl, who flew a rocket propelled plane higher than man had ever gone before, says there would have been "no limit" if he had carried more fuel.

Carl, a Marine Corps aviation veteran, yesterday climbed to an altitude of 83,235 feet, almost 16 miles, for an

unofficial world record. He said he started with less than three minutes fuel and that there would have been "no limit to the altitude" with additional fuel.

He was carried to an altitude of 35,000 feet by a B29 plane before his Douglas built Skyrocket was launched.

"I dropped down to 28,000 feet before I could get the first rocket to start," he said. "Otherwise, I'd have gone several hundred feet higher."

Carl said there was no sensation of speed or height during the flight.

"The only thing I noticed was the fact that the sky was a little darker, and my eyes troubled me. The contrast between sunlight and shadow is much greater up there."

"I didn't have much time to look around. . . I was just trying to fly as high as possible."

Carl said he was certain he could have seen San Francisco, 400 miles to the north, if he hadn't been so busy checking instruments.

"I know I was going well over a thousand miles per hour on this altitude run," he said, but added, "that speed doesn't seem very fast up there."

Carl, who held the world's speed record of 650.7 miles per hour in 1947, said he would try for a new speed record in the Skyrocket tomorrow.

Jobs at Record Level in August

Washington (AP)—The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that employment climbed to a record high level in August and unemployment dropped to a post-war low of 1,240,000.

With 63,408,000 persons holding jobs, the number of unemployed dropped by 308,000 last month to a level which officials considered close to a bare minimum.

Carl Recent Home Visitor

Hubbard, Ore. (AP)—The man who has flown higher than anyone else in the world has little to say about his aerial exploits when he comes home to Hubbard.

Lt. Col. Marion E. Carl spent this weekend with his brother, Manton Carl, two weeks ago on the farm where he was born. Said Manton Carl after the colonel had set a new height record of 84,235 feet in his Skyrocket:

"We had no idea he was going after the altitude mark. But then he never did say much about his work."

Col. Carl called his brother from Portland Sunday while on his way to Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., where he expected to try to better the world's speed mark of 1238 miles an hour.

No Word Heard Of Applegate

Washington (AP)—It now has been 164 days since two American newsmen and the crew of their yacht, were captured by the Chinese Communists off Hong Kong. So far, the State Department has not been able to find out where they are being held, much less obtain their freedom.

The international mystery began March 21 when the 42-foot yacht Kert put out from British Hong Kong for Portuguese Macao, a distance of about 35 miles. The British Royal Navy reported the same day that the vessel was seized by a Chinese gunboat and towed to Lap Sap Mei Island, five miles southwest of Hong Kong.

This brief British report was the last definite word about the yacht owner, Richard Applegate, 37, National Broadcasting Co. correspondent and former United Press reporter at Salem; Don Dixon, 25, International News Service reporter; Ben Krasner, an American merchant marine captain; and three Chinese crew members.

Red Plot to Wreck German Election Sunday Revealed

100 More GIs Returned From Prison Camps

Panmunjon (AP)—The Korean War prisoner exchange moved into its fifth and possibly last week today with 100 more Americans returning to freedom from North Korean prison camps.

Riding happily into Panmunjon on open trucks today were two high-ranking Allied officers, both with many months of Red captivity behind them.

2 Colonels Returned
One was Lt. Col. James P. Carne, commander of the 1st Battalion of Britain's gallant Gloucestershire Regiment, which was all but wiped out when cut off in the Imjin River battle in April 1951.

Carne, puffing a pipe, hopped off a Red truck and told Allied officers who greeted him, "It feels great to be back."

The other top-ranking repatriate was an American, Lt. Col. Paul V. Liles, a West Pointer who spent almost three years as a prisoner.

Tells of Red Pressure
He told a grim tale of systematic Communist pressure on prisoners to make them sign

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Army Employed Indicted Men

Baltimore, (AP)—The Sun said Tuesday Army officials have admitted top secret military information has been going through the hands of a civilian employe, who is under indictment on charges of bribery and conspiracy to defraud the government.

The Sun cited the case of Louis J. Fraga, supervisory general engineer at the research and development station of the Army Transportation Corps at Ft. Eustis.

He was indicted in New York on July 30, 1952 and pleaded innocent about ten days later. The case has never come to trial.

The government charged Fraga, together with several other civilians and former army officers, misappropriated nearly \$800,000 in government funds. They were accused of getting "kickbacks" for approving contracts for the writing of technical manuals and letting contracts for work not needed.

A spokesman at Ft. Eustis said Fraga has not been in a position to receive secret information for the last couple of years.

Stock Market Recovers Sharply

New York (AP)—The stock market swung higher Tuesday after establishing a new low for the year Monday in a steep fall.

Gains ran to between \$1 and \$2 a share at the most. Losses were small.

The railroad section, which has been notably weak in recent days, was mostly higher Tuesday. Other higher divisions included steels, utilities, oils, coppers, chemicals, aircrafts, air lines, and radio-televisions. The motors were mixed.

Legion Stages Parade Of Glory and Glitter

St. Louis (AP)—Glitter and glory—the like of which St. Louis never before had seen—surged through downtown streets Tuesday in the American Legion's parade of 100,000 participants.

For many Legionnaires it was the big day of their 35th national convention where major battles are shaping up over Air Force budget cuts and this nation's participation in the United Nations.

A hot sun beat down as the parade began. The temperature was near 90 and expected to press 100 by mid-afternoon. That caused many of the older Legionnaires, veterans of World War I, to ride instead of march.

North Korean Top Officials Off to Russia

Tokyo (AP)—The Communist Pyongyang radio said six top North Korean officials including Premier Kim Il Sung and Foreign Minister Nam Il left by train today for Moscow.

The broadcast heard here said the trip was made "at the invitation of Moscow" but it gave no indication why.

Kim is political boss of North Korea and commander of the army.

Nam served as chief Communist delegate during the long armistice negotiations.

The Pyongyang broadcast identified other members of the party as Pak Chong Il, vice chairman of the North Korean Labor Communist party; Deputy Premier Chong Il Yong, Chairman Chong Chun Paek of the National Planning Board and Minister of Railways Kim Hoe Il.

Tito's Charges Denied by Italy

Rome (AP)—Italy has "categorically" denied a Yugoslav charge that Italian troops violated the Yugoslav frontier north of the disputed port city of Trieste. An Italian Foreign Ministry spokesman termed the accusation "absurd and fantastic."

Though tension apparently was lessening between the two nations, reports from Belgrade said President Tito's government would make a formal diplomatic protest to Italy today over the alleged incident.

The frontier violation charge was announced last night by Belgrade radio after a week end of stress sparked by Italian fears that Belgrade planned to annex the Yugoslav occupation zone in divided Trieste. Tito's government since has denied such intentions.

The broadcast claimed that 23 Italian soldiers armed with automatic weapons had crossed about 164 feet into Yugoslav territory near Nova Gorica and deployed in "fighting order."

Soviet Envoy to Iran Shoots Self

Tehran, Iran (AP)—A high Iranian official said today Soviet Ambassador Anatoli Lavrentiev had shot himself but other government sources and the Soviet embassy denied the report.

Assistant Iranian Premier Amidi Nouri said Lavrentiev was in critical condition and receiving blood transfusions at the Soviet hospital.

A few minutes later the Iranian propaganda department denied the reports and the Soviet embassy repeated its denial of last night.

Nevertheless, rumors swept through Tehran that Lavrentiev, who had been recalled, had attempted to commit suicide.

Lavrentiev, who was ambassador in Yugoslavia at the time of Tito's split with Russia, also had served as Soviet minister to Hungary and Romania.

64 Red Spies Held By Korean Police

Seoul (AP)—National police headquarters said Tuesday they had arrested 64 Communist spies, half of them students and women posing as refugees from Red North Korea.

Some of those in custody were quoted as saying 28,000 North Korea men and women especially trained as guerrillas would be sent to South Korea.

Some of the agents slipped in from Japan and Shanghai, police said, but most came down the west coast by way of offshore islands with the help of North Korean police.

Goons Sought Destruction of 'Voting' Booths

Bonn, Germany (AP)—The West German government said Tuesday it has uncovered a Communist plot to wreck next Sunday's national election by destroying voting stations throughout the country.

The Federal Press Office said top Red agents captured in an attempted mass sneak invasion of West Germany during the last three days had admitted the Communist plan. It was to send squads of riot-trained toughs to attack election officials, destroy ballot boxes and frighten away voters.

The Communist "terror plan" called for groups of 20 hardened Reds to descend on each voting station, the press office said.

Red Agents Captured
The captured Red agents were quoted as saying this was the master plan behind the invasion of Communists from East Germany.

Federal border police and local police have arrested 4,500 of these agents along the international frontier separating West and East Germany. Most of these already have been sent back.

But hundreds slipped through before police clamped down strict controls on travelers from Communist East Germany. Tuesday the border police said hundreds of others

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7 Northwest POW Released

Panmunjon (AP)—The names of seven Pacific Northwest men were on the list of American prisoners of war released by the Chinese Communists Tuesday. They were:

M. Sgt. Delwayne Coddington, mother, Mrs. Vera Coddington, Portland, Ore.
Sgt. I. C. Lester W. Byers, mother, Mrs. Tillie Byers, Moscow, Idaho.

Cpl. Harvey I. Rogers, mother Ruby B. Rogers, Medford, Ore.
Maj. Alfred O. Ellis, wife, Elizabeth N. Ellis, Tacoma.

Sgt. Lewis Cook, wife, Caroline Ann Cook, Tacoma.
Sgt. Dale K. Roarbaugh, fiancée, Ethel Shanor, Tacoma.
M. Sgt. Otha E. Emert, wife, Mrs. Annie M. Emert, Tacoma.

Mediators Act In Phone Strike

(By United Press)
Federal mediators began new attempts today to end a labor dispute involving this nation's long distance telephone operators.

An "improved" atmosphere was reported in attempts to end a 42-day-old Indiana Bell Telephone strike.

Negotiators headed off a threatened walkout by CIO rubber workers against nine Goodrich Rubber company plants. The strike, set for last midnight, was averted when a new contract was agreed upon.

At New York, officials of the U.S. Mediation Service met with negotiators for the long lines division of American Telephone and Telegraph company for the first time since the CIO Communications Workers threatened a nationwide long distance telephone strike involving 22,000 workers.