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MOSTLY CLOUDY with a few showers tonight, Thursday. Continued mild temperatures. Low tonight, 47; high Thursday, 60.

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Flood Threat Eases in State Streams Drop

Secondary Crest in Willamette of 19 Feet Tonight

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER Flood conditions in the Willamette valley continued to ease, Wednesday, with no new surge expected immediately, barring heavy rains. A secondary crest was in progress along the Willamette river at Salem today, the waters predicted still to reach a peak of 19 feet here. This was the same mark forecast for earlier and is one foot below flood stage. The new crest is due around 5 p.m. Wednesday after which the river is expected to recede. At the regular early morning reading at Salem, Wednesday, the river was at the 18.2 foot stage. By 11 a.m. it had advanced to 18.4 feet.

Conditions Improve River conditions were greatly improved all along the main stem of the Willamette, Wednesday. At Harrisburg the waters were down to 12.3 feet this morning, barely over flood stage, and were falling. Corvallis listed 20.8 feet this morning, Albany, 22.4 feet, with both stations reporting the water falling. The Santiam at Jefferson was down again to below flood stage Wednesday. In the early morning the mark was 12.1 feet, just over flood stage, but the river was falling steadily. (Continued on Page 5, Column 3)

230,000 Cut in Army Looms

Washington (AP)—Asst. Secretary of Defense John A. Hannah said Wednesday the armed forces have been asked to see if they can make a net cut of about 230,000 in manpower during the year beginning next July 1. Hannah, the department's manpower director, told a news conference this would involve a suggested cut-back as follows: Army—142,000 to a new figure of 1,281,000. Navy—75,000 to 670,000. Marine Corps—23,000 to 207,000. The Air Force would increase by about 10,000 to a new strength of 970,000 to provide for an increase in the number of combat wings. Hannah said there currently is no flat order to cut manpower. He said he had only suggested to the three services that "you see what you can do within" the figures he proposed, and if that cannot be done the services can make new proposals.

Churches Join in Thanksgiving

Communicants of many churches of the Salem area will assemble Thursday forenoon to observe Thanksgiving in the traditional religious manner. The largest group is expected to gather at the First Methodist church at 10 o'clock when the annual Thanksgiving services sponsored by the Salem Ministerial Association will be held. Rev. William F. Clay, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, will deliver the sermon, while the 40 voice choir of Salem Academy will provide appropriate music. The invocation will be given by Rev. B. J. Holland, associate pastor of First Presbyterian church. The Thanksgiving proclamation will be read by Rev. Louis E. White of Knight Memorial Congregational church. Churches holding their own individual services include: First Church of Christ, Scientist, 10 a.m.; Grace Lutheran, 10 a.m.; St. Paul's Episcopal, Holy Communion, 7:30 a.m. and worship at 10 a.m.; St. Mark's Lutheran, 9 a.m., with the congregation joining in the union service at 10.

Faith Lutheran will hold its annual thank offering service at 8 p.m. Wednesday. Special Thanksgiving Day services will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic church with masses scheduled for 7 and 9 o'clock a.m. Masses for Thanksgiving day at St. Joseph's are scheduled at 7, 8 and 9 a.m.

Stassen Says Foreign Aid Can Be Cut

Military Aid Can Be Reduced as Economic Aid Almost Ended

Washington (AP)—Foreign Aid Director Harold Stassen has informed Congress it will be possible to make "a considerable reduction" in American military aid to Western Europe next year. He said that economic aid, with a few exceptions, can be ended. Stassen set out these conclusions in a special report he sent to four congressional committees on Nov. 16. A summary of his letter was made public Wednesday by the Foreign Operations Administration. By "next year," Stassen had reference to the next government fiscal year—the 12 months beginning next July 1. His report to Congress summed up his views after attending a meeting of the 17-nation organization for European economic cooperation. No Detailed Estimates Stassen gave no estimates as to the size of reductions he believed might be possible. Western Europe was allotted \$2,250,000,000 of the \$4,531,500,000 in new funds which Congress appropriated for military and economic help during the present fiscal year. (Continued on Page 5, Column 3)

Living Costs at All Time High

Washington (AP)—The cost of living index, pushed along by higher prices for such things as beer and admission to 3D movies, hit a new all time peak in mid-October, the government said today. The increase was enough to assure two cent hourly wages increases for some one million auto workers whose pay scales were tied to the mid-October index. Commissioner Ewan Clague of the Bureau of Labor Statistics said the long series of index gains—this was the eighth straight monthly increase—probably is ending. "The period of inflation appears to be ended," Clague said, adding the index should remain fairly stable for, at least, several months.

No Holiday in Air Defense

McChord Air Force Base (AP)—The air defense of the Pacific Northwest will see no let up during the Thanksgiving holiday season, it was stressed jointly Wednesday by Brig. Gen. T. Alan Bennett, commander of the 25th Air Defense Division and Brig. Gen. Eugene F. Cardwell, commander of the 31st Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade. In keeping with the national air defense policy, the jet interceptors and antiaircraft guns guarding the area will be maintained in readiness throughout the holidays the commanders said. Air Force and Army air defense units will grant the maximum number of leaves and passes consistent with maintaining an effective defense. Sufficient personnel will be on duty at their stations at all times to maintain a constant vigil against a possible attack.

Ike Works on Big 3 Meeting

Augusta, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower divided his time Wednesday between a vacation round of golf and preparations for the forthcoming Big Three conference in Bermuda. Comfortably settled in a cozy new "Little White House" for a Thanksgiving holiday, Eisenhower was up about 7 a.m. and turned after breakfast to study of arrangements for the conference with Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain and French Premier Laniel, to be held in Bermuda Dec. 8. Then he stepped out into the warm sunshine for 18 holes of golf at the Augusta National Club. He played Tuesday, too, shortly after arriving by plane from Washington. He will have Thanksgiving dinner Thursday with his family.

Committee Approves Stadter for Attorney

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER Edward O. Stadter, Jr., former district attorney of Marion county now in private law practice here, received the endorsement from Marion County Republican Central Committee's executive group, Tuesday, as a candidate from this area to be considered for the post of United States district attorney for Oregon. Balloting came at the end of nearly two hours and 45 minutes consideration, interviews with five men who had expressed interest in the position, and detailed outline of procedure by the central committee chairman, Winton Hunt of Woodburn. The five men invited to ap-

McCarthy Talks with Newsmen



Undercover Spy Accused

New York (AP)—Sen. McCarthy, R., Wis., declared Wednesday a defiant witness "appears to be the most active Communist espionage agent this subcommittee has uncovered to date." McCarthy termed the witness, Harry A. Hyman of Manhattan, a "sleazy character" and "an undercover spy for the Communists." Hyman, a former employee of the federal telecommunications laboratories in Nutley, N. J., refused to answer questions before the Senate permanent investigations subcommittee. "Hyman was given the opportunity to tell us whether or not he is a spy, but takes advantage of the constitution which he would destroy," McCarthy said. The senator declared he also would seek contempt indictments against a Columbia University professor and an employee of Ft. Monmouth, N. J. The professor refused to answer certain questions. The Ft. Monmouth worker, McCarthy said, "defied the committee" and failed to appear in answer to a subpoena.

McCarthy Answers HST By Radio and Television

New York (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R., Wis.) flung a charge of "trumanism" Tuesday night against the former president, defining it as "placing your political party above the interest of the country." He said the Truman administration was "crawling with communists." In the latest round of the Harry Dexter White controversy, McCarthy spoke over nationwide television and radio networks in reply to Truman's attack last week on "McCarthyism." Truman had made the attack in the course of his explanation of his part in the White case. McCarthy, also: 1. Charged that Truman, as a senator in 1944, used his influence to retain in government service George S. Wheeler, an American military government officer who later sought and obtained asylum behind the Iron Curtain. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 5)

Douglas Raps Probes of Spies

Philadelphia (AP)—Justice William O. Douglas of the U. S. Supreme Court says current Red spy probes are "a campaign of hate and suspicion" for "a miserable political advantage." "We are condemning men and women on the basis of hearsay," Douglas declared in an address to the Friends Quaker Committee on National Legislation. "A Communist," he went on, "one with Communist affiliations, one with leftist tendencies, a socialist, a liberal, or just a plain Yankee who does not like this business of the witch hunt and who shouts his protest—these are all put in the same classification."

Italy Balks on Tito's Demands

Rome (AP)—Source close to the Italian government said Wednesday it was discouraged by Yugoslavia's latest conditions on a five power conference to settle the Trieste dispute. Italy has announced outright that she will attend such a conference with the United States, Britain, France and Yugoslavia. The Belgrade radio quoted Yugoslav Foreign Minister Koca Popovic Tuesday night as saying his nation would not attend if Italy first gets even partial control of the present Allied zone of Trieste. "Italy has made a great concession in an effort to find a settlement," said one source close to the Foreign office. "Now it seems Yugoslavia is refusing. This is discouraging. It shows Yugoslavia does not want a conference, but wants to dictate its own terms."

Churchill to Quell Revolts

London (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill called an emergency cabinet meeting Wednesday to consider revolts spreading within the ranks of his own Conservative Party. Ministers hurried to No. 10 Downing St., the prime minister's official residence. The government now is squabbling with rank and file conservatives on three issues—commercial television, war pensions and the Suez Canal problem. The cabinet meeting was concerned particularly with the war pensions dispute—an issue generating so much heat that some conservatives shouted criticism at Churchill in the House of Commons Tuesday.

EX-RED OFFICER HELD

Frankfurt, Germany (AP)—A former Soviet army staff officer was ordered held without bail here Wednesday pending filing of charges that he spied against the Allied forces in West Germany for the Kremlin. He is Georgi Vladimirovich Khorumahi, known in West Germany as Georg Mueller.

Lipman Contract Awarded Ross Hammond Company

Chief US Judge For Germany Balks on Firing Turkey Feast For Allies and South Koreans Building Set To Begin on November 30

By JAMES D. OLSON Lipman, Wolfe & Company, Portland department store, announced Wednesday award of contract for its 3-story Salem store to Ross E. Hammond company. Construction is scheduled to begin November 30 with the store open for business not later than July 1, 1954. The store, when completed, will be the largest department store in Oregon, outside of Portland. Plans call for a three-story building 125 by 165 feet with 80,000 square feet of floor space. The plans were drawn by Douglass and Helms, Portland architects, with Albert C. Martin & Associates of Los Angeles as consulting architects. The downstairs section, street floor and second floor will be devoted to the selling department. The third floor will be arranged to house special service features including a tea room, beauty salon, auditorium and a landscaped terrace that will afford tea room patrons a wide view of the adjacent area. Estimated cost of the project, including store, fixtures and stock will represent a sum approximating \$3,000,000, store officials said. (Continued on Page 5, Column 6)

Want Russia at Peace Parley

Panmunjom (AP)—U. S. envoy Arthur Dean said today "some method must be worked out" to assure the attendance of Soviet Russia as a full participant at a Korean peace conference. The Reds want Russia to attend as a neutral. Dean charged this would mean the Soviet Union would not be bound by conference decisions. He said Chinese and North Korean negotiators working on plans for the peace conference are holding Russia "as a threat over our heads."

U.S. Bans UN Korea Debate

United Nations, N. Y. (AP)—The United States will oppose U. N. debate on the Korean problem as long as Special Ambassador Arthur Dean is carrying on discussions at Panmunjom, it was announced Wednesday. Chief U. S. Delegate Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. told reporters the United States does not think it wise to undertake a general Korean debate unless the Dean talks break down. British sources said the U. S. delegation agrees with the U. S. view. Lodge also declared there is no need for debate here on the fate of the prisoners of war now in the hands of the U. N. Neutral Repatriation Commission in Korea. "All prisoners must be released by Jan. 22," Lodge said. "The armistice is absolutely clear on that."

Red Gls Ask For Turkey

Panmunjom, Korea (AP)—The 22 Communist held American war prisoners who have refused to go home told their Indian guards today they wish to observe Thanksgiving Day just like all other Americans. An Indian spokesman said the prisoners' request had been relayed to the Communists, who agreed to provide "special food" and beer for the holiday. The Communists did not say what the special food would be. The prisoners' usual diet has been rice, vegetables and pork. The last minute request raised the hopes of U. S. explainers, who had been informed that the American prisoners spent their time singing the Internationale and parading with Chinese and North Korean flags.

Prods Russia For Austria Pact

London (AP)—The United States, Britain and France called on Russia once again Wednesday to join them in an effort to conclude an Austria independence treaty. The Soviets have turned a deaf ear to all such Western proposals in recent months. The British Foreign Office said the Western Allies delivered new notes to the Kremlin Wednesday morning on the Austrian question. A spokesman declined to reveal precisely what the notes contained. Informed Western officials, however, reported the Allies have proposed the Big Four powers consider the Austrian treaty question through diplomatic channels.

Love and Whiskey Blamed by Kidnaper

Kansas City, Mo. (AP)—Mrs. Bonnie Brown Heady has blamed love and whiskey for her part in the Bobby Greenlease kidnapping. Robert C. Greenlease, millionaire father of the six-year-old boy whom Mrs. Heady and Carl Austin Hall kidnaped and murdered, disclosed yesterday that Mrs. Heady had written a letter expressing her sorrow for what she had done. "I doubt if this letter will do much good but there isn't anything that we could do or say that would atone for our mistake," she said. "I do hope it helps a little." Hall, who is awaiting death

Japan Hit by Strong Quake

Tokyo (AP)—A strong earthquake struck Tokyo early today and the long, rolling tremor swayed downtown office buildings and homes in the suburbs. The quake was first felt at 9:50 a.m. PST and lasted approximately one minute. It was believed to be the most severe earth tremor to hit Tokyo in the past decade. There were no immediate signs of fire or damage. The quake was recorded as far away as Pasadena, Calif. The California Institute of Technology said its seismograph recorded a "large distant" earthquake but was unable to determine immediately its location or magnitude.

Hike Price of Milk One Cent

Portland (AP)—The state Milk Marketing Administration Wednesday ordered an increase in the minimum price of milk that is expected to make a 1-cent boost in nine counties. The order makes 23 cents a quart the minimum which can be charged for standard milk in Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Columbia, Yamhill, Polk, Marion, Wasco and Hood River counties. William Weidel, milk marketing administrator, said that at the producer level the order adds 3 cents a pound butterfat, but makes no change for non-fat solids. This, he said, was a point sought by Jersey and Guernsey breeders who had complained that earlier order had favored those with low butterfat producing breeds.

Million Rail Men Vote Strike

Washington (AP)—More than a million non operating rail workers are giving "overwhelming" approval to a strike vote on the nation's railroads, a union official said Wednesday. George Leighty, president of the Railroad Telegraphers Union and chairman of the 15 union group, said that with "at least two thirds of the ballots in more than 98 per cent of the votes favor strike action." The unions have served demands on the carriers for longer vacations, more holidays, Sunday work premiums, health and welfare benefits and unlimited free transportation for all rail workers and their families. The final count of the strike ballots will be made on Dec. 1.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 49; minimum today, 38. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0.11 for month; 0.29, normal; 4.31. Season precipitation, 16.93, normal, 16.16. River height, 18.3 feet, rising slowly. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)