

THE WEATHER

MOSTLY CLOUDY with scattered valley fog tonight, Thursday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 36; high Thursday, 48.

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Court Holds Mother's Love Best for Child

Supreme Court Returns 6-Year-Old Girl to Mother

By JAMES D. OLSON

The tender care of a mother is more advantageous to a six-year-old child than confinement in a nursing home, Chief Justice Earl C. Latourette ruled in reversing a decree by Circuit Judge Joseph B. Felton of Marion county.

The custody of Dee Ann Stalter, the six-year-old child, was involved in this case, upon motion in the lower court for modification of a former order awarding custody to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wyant, who have a license from the Public Welfare Commission to care for children.

Parents Divorced The parents of the child, Alvin W. and Lois Adele Stalter, were divorced August 24, 1949. Both parties have since remarried and both sought custody of the child.

"Under the circumstances of this case," Chief Justice Latourette ruled "we believe the tender care of the mother would be more advantageous to the child than the nursing home of the Wyatts. In this connection, we do not wish to cast any reflection on the Wyatts, as they are highly regarded in the community. Foster Home Has Place (Continued on Page 5, Column 5)

Onion Growers Can't Cut Crop

Ontario, Ore. (AP)—The federal department of agriculture has turned down a plan of Oregon and Washington onion growers to erase one-fourth of the 1953 crop to halt a price decline.

Joe Saito, Ontario, president of the two-state onion growers association, told a mass meeting of about 100 producers he had been advised Tuesday by the government that the plan would conflict with federal antitrust laws.

The growers also were told that the crop reduction scheme would take "some time" and would have to be signed by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson and all participants.

A suggestion to organize a cooperative to control future onion shipments will be studied by the growers.

Quake Shakes Northwest Area

Portland (AP)—A rumbling earth shock, apparently centering in this metropolitan area, rocked northwest Oregon and southwest Washington communities Tuesday night.

The shock, which started at 8:32 p.m., was brief and no major damage was reported. But it cracked plaster, rattled windows and knocked glassware off shelves in some homes. Telephone switchboards at newspapers and radio stations were swamped with calls from alarmed residents.

The tremor was reported felt as far as Kalama, Wash., about 40 miles north of here, and Mill City, Ore., in Santiam canyon, some 50 miles to the south.

The quake appeared to have been the sharpest to hit the Pacific northwest since April 13, 1949, when seven persons were injured fatally, several others hurt and millions of dollars worth of property destroyed.

The Oregon State college seismograph near Corvallis recorded a "short but intense" earthquake at 8:32:12 p.m., Dr. Harold R. Vinyard, assistant physics professor, said.

Electric Power Still on Increase

New York (AP)—Electrical energy distributed throughout the United States last week rose to 8,661,131,000 kilowatt hours compared with 8,582,459,000 the week previous.

Last week's total was 6.2 per cent higher than the 8,140,257,000 kilowatt hours distributed in the like week last year.

All regions of the country showed a percentage increase over consumption in the like week a year ago except for the central industrial area, which showed no change. Percentage increases included Pacific northwest, 27.2.

Kidnap Killers Show No Signs Of Cracking

Spend Time Reading and Working Crossword Puzzles

Jefferson City, Mo. (AP)—

The Greenleaf kidnap-killers spent part of their time today reading Wild West stories and working crossword puzzles, outwardly nonchalant about their execution early Friday.

Carl Austin Hall, 34-year-old playboy, and Bonnie Brown Heady, 41, his paramour, gave no outward signs of cracking as their death in the gas chamber became only a matter of hours.

They pay with their lives, side by side, a few minutes after midnight for the killing of 6-year-old Bobby Greenleaf, which they planned together even before they kidnaped him Sept. 28 in Kansas City.

Mystery of Ransom Still a mystery is what happened to half of the \$600,000 (Continued on Page 5, Column 4)

Cold Wave Over Most of Nation

(By The Associated Press)

Frigid air covered a huge section of the nation Wednesday. The coldest weather of the season chilled the Midwest. The thermometer sank to 33 below zero at the Plum Creek ranger station in northern Minnesota.

Other low temperatures included —29 at Bemidji, Minn.; —22 at International Falls and Thief River Falls, Minn.; —24 at Fargo, N. D.; —20 at Alexandria, Minn.; —17 at Delhi, Iowa; —7 at Minneapolis and St. Paul.

It was —2 at Dubuque, Iowa, —1 at Bismarck, N. D., and 8 above at Chicago. Temperatures that reached the freezing level at their low point were common in a wide area that reached from New York State to the Rocky Mountains and extended as far south as Texas.

The Weather Bureau reported frost at Jacksonville and Tallahassee, Fla., and New Orleans.

2-Headed Baby Likely to Live

Indianapolis (AP)—A two-headed, four-armed baby has been given two names and doctors report he is making the progress of a normal newborn.

The 3-day old boy was taken off the "critical" list yesterday and his chances of survival were reported as good. Doctors at the Indiana university medical center said he is taking nourishment in both mouths and the intestinal tract is responding normally. The 44-year-old father said he gave the name Donald Ray to "the best one" and the name Daniel Kay to the other head and arms. There was no explanation to the reference "the best one."

There are two spinal cords joined at about the waistline. As far as doctors have been able to determine, there are no duplications of internal organs.

Dr. John D. Van Nuys, dean of the medical center, said no surgery is contemplated now.

\$736,000 Yule Melon Cut for State Employees

\$736,000 Christmas melon will be cut for some 16,000 state employees, according to Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry and Max Manchester, executive secretary of the Public Employees Retirement fund.

The unexpected windfall comes for funds already paid by state employees into the retirement fund and Manchester said that the sizable sum represents the difference in the amount paid between July 1, 1951 and June 30, 1953, under the old retirement law and the social security law for the same period.

In order to write the 16,000 checks before Christmas, the accounting division of the secretary of state's office utilized the full capacity of its division. The list of names and

AMBASSADOR DEAN HEADS FOR U.S.



Ambassador Arthur Dean waves goodbye as he boards plane at Tokyo's International Airport for first leg of journey to the United States. Dean, who broke off talks with the Reds after prolonged efforts to set up a Korean peace conference, will report to the U.S. State Department after his arrival in Washington, D.C. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Tokyo)

Dean Arrives At Honolulu

Honolulu (AP)—U. S. Envoy Arthur H. Dean arrived here Wednesday en route to Washington predicting that the communists would return to Panmunjom and negotiate for a Korean peace conference but "it may take months."

"They'll come back," he told reporters at the airport, "but they're in no hurry. Time is the whole stock in trade of the communists. We must fight them at their own game."

Dean, who broke off the talks with the communists last week after seven weeks of futile negotiations, declared that "the American people have got to realize that this is a long drawn out struggle for power."

Dean declared the communists had used the preliminary negotiations as "a forum for their propaganda," adding, "it's all part of their psychological war."

Agree on Some Tax Slashing

Washington (AP)—Treasury and congressional staff experts today were reported agreed on a restricted tax cut for some parents who must pay child care expenses while they work.

The proposed relief is so slight, however—a maximum \$300 deduction with strict limitations—into strong demands by lawmakers for more liberal provisions.

More than 25 bills already are pending to give a tax break to millions of working mothers, widows and others.

The plan is part of a mammoth proposal for revision of almost all revenue laws. Some 70 staff experts from congressional committee said the Treasury was being working privately on recommendations for almost a year.

Lewis Gives ILA \$50,000 to Fight

New York (AP)—John L. Lewis was reported Wednesday to have contributed at least \$50,000 to the old International Longshoremen's Assn. for use in its fight against the AFL.

The move was seen as a step by Lewis toward creating a third big union to rival his CIO and AFL opponents.

The New York Daily News said in a copyrighted story that Lewis has given the now independent waterfront union \$50,000 and "reportedly will deliver more funds as needed."

The New York Daily Mirror said it learned Lewis "has kicked in \$75,000 cash" to the ILA "with a promise of another \$125,000 if needed."

Ex-Con Returns to See Prison in Stolen Car

By VICTOR FRYER

"I wanted to see what the pen looks like from the outside," an ex-convict told city police early Wednesday morning after his arrest on a charge of auto theft, only four days after his release from the prison after serving time on a similar charge.

Joseph Martin Trapp was arrested about 2:15 a.m. by city officer Calvin Steward when he stopped the car Trapp was driving for having no rear license plate.

"I must have lost it some place tonight," Trapp said. He offered an expired learner's permit when asked for a driver's license.

"I don't know who the car belongs to," he confessed frankly when asked for the car registration. "I just stole it in Portland."

"Finding the keys in the car was just too much temptation for me," the 22-year-old remarked. "I just got out of prison Saturday morning and I am broke. I walked the streets in Portland all night last night (Monday) and if I had walked the streets tonight I would have been arrested for vagrancy anyway."

"I was just driving around looking for State street," he commented. "I wanted to drive by the pen so I could look at it from the outside."

Trapp was taken to the station instead, where a companion with Portland police showed they had no report of a stolen car. A call to registered owner Anson S. Frohman, 630 Mead building, found that he didn't know it was stolen either but soon checked to report that the car about 12:45, he said.

In the glove compartment of the car, police found a hunting knife, a saw and a bottle of liquor. There was no indication that Trapp had been drinking, they said, but he was arrested on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. He disclaimed any knowledge of the (Continued on Page 5, Column 4)

Want German Reds at Meet

Berlin (AP)—The Russian zone proposed today that the rival governments of divided Germany be given seats at the forthcoming Big Four foreign ministers' meeting in Berlin.

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The veteran Communist spokesman for the Kremlin declared that the parity should deal with two points: 1. Conclusion of a German peace treaty. 2. Re-establishment of German unity "on a democratic and peaceful basis."

Officials of the Soviet High Commission were present as Ulbricht spoke. Presumably they approved his statements.

Warmly Endorses Ike's Atomic Energy Pool

Ike to Keep on Working for Atomic Control

Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower said Wednesday he will keep right on working for international control of atomic energy even if the Russians turn down his recent share-the-atom proposal.

The president made the statement at a news conference at which he also said he does not intend to ask any change in the atomic energy act which would lead to this country's sharing scientific processes or techniques for building atomic weapons.

Eisenhower said he is by no means giving up hope the Russians will decide to accept the proposal he recently made in a speech to the United Nations, that all the atomic powers join in a limited program of atomic research, with emphasis on peaceful power development.

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Ike's Right to Fire Upheld

Washington (AP)—U. S. District Judge Richmond Keach ruled Wednesday the President has power to remove government workers from civil service protection and summarily fire them.

The ruling applied specifically to Leo A. Rich, a \$10,000-a-year Justice Department attorney who lost his job last July.

Rich brought suit to get his job back, contending he could not be summarily dismissed because he had civil service status before a presidential order placed him in an exempt category known as "schedule A."

In ruling against Rich, Judge Keach said: "The court is aware that under its decision the statutory safeguard from summary removal relied on by a large number of government employees is held not to exist. The question of the desirability of this situation is not a matter for the court."

Washington (AP)—U. S. navy officials said today Russia has "tremendously" increased its potential sea power by completing a vast canal system linking the Arctic ocean to the Black sea.

They said the protected inland waterway, stretching from one end of Russia to the other, apparently is capable of handling submarines and destroyers as well as smaller craft.

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Some Pro-Reds Want Return Fear Stabbing

Panmunjom, Korea (AP)—An escaped South Korean prisoner of the Communists said today three or four of the 22 Americans held by the Reds want to go home but fear their companions will stab them to death if they request repatriation or make a break for freedom.

"They are afraid they will be killed if they try," Kim Mun Do, the South Korean, told officers after scaling a barbed wire fence around his Communist prison compound and running to an Indian guard.

Kim reported that the Communists were smuggling knives into the compound holding the Americans, South Koreans and one Briton, and pulled out a dagger to back up his story. It was confiscated.

Paris (AP)—The 14-nation NATO Council of Ministers announced Wednesday that it "warmly endorsed" President Eisenhower's initiative in proposing a worldwide atomic energy pool.

The council reported its endorsement in a final communique winding up its three-day sessions.

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Rhee Postpones Sending Troops

Tokyo (AP)—Syngman Rhee lessened the danger of renewed Korean fighting at the end of January by postponing indefinitely today his plans to send his tough young army across the 38th parallel.

The South Korean President had warned repeatedly he might take "unilateral action to unify Korea" if a political conference failed to do so by Jan. 27, 90 days after it was scheduled to open Oct. 28.

In a dramatic about face, the aging Korean patriarch promised his troops would take no action until three months after convening a peace conference, whenever that may be.

Rhee announced his change of policy in a press conference before Korean newsmen at Seoul less than 12 hours after U. S. Envoy Arthur H. Dean left for Washington to brief President Eisenhower on his unsuccessful attempts to reach agreement with the Communists on convening the conference.

Biggest Flying Boat Launched

San Diego, Calif. (AP)—A big flying boat Wednesday became the first airplane introduced to the world as the second 50 years powered flight starts.

The R3Y1 seaplane, transport, built for the United States Navy, was set for launching at about the same hour, half a century later, as the Wright brothers' historic first flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C., December 17, 1903.

Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. said the R3Y1 is the fastest flying boat in the history of aviation.

Its top speed, which will be tested in flights sometime after its launching in San Diego Bay, is figured at more than 50 miles an hour.

The top speed of the Wrights' tiny wood and muslin fabric biplane in that first flight of 120 feet in 12 seconds has been estimated at 30 to 35 miles an hour.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 45; minimum today, 36. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0.1 for month; 1.23; normal, 2.56. Reason precipitation, 12.97; normal, 14.72. River height, 3.3 feet; normal by U.S. Weather Bureau.

Rocket Plane Driven at 1650 Miles Per Hour

Washington (AP)—The Bell X1A rocket-driven research plane has flashed to a new unofficial speed record of 2 1/2 times the speed of sound, reports current in aviation circles said Wednesday.

The little plane with the short, knife-like wings is a successor to the first Bell X1 which passed the speed of sound in 1947.

Presumably the new speed, obtained in a test by the Air Force at Edwards Base, Calif., was at very high altitude. Its speed in that case would be about 1,650 miles per hour. The new record compares with one of 2.01 times the speed of sound, or around 1,307 miles an hour in the upper air, which was set Nov. 20. That mark was set in a Navy Skyrocket flown by a pilot of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

Engineers figure such speeds in "mach" numbers. Mach 1 represents the speed of sound under whatever conditions exist at the time of the flight. It indicates a speed of 761 miles an hour at sea-level with a temperature of 68 degrees Fahrenheit.

The speed of sound decreases with altitude until at 40,000 and above it drops to about 663 miles an hour, varying somewhat with temperature.

German Army Held Essential For Defense

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Kaplin Given Bill of Health

Washington (AP)—Senate investigators said Wednesday that 20 FBI reports were circulated among top government officials on a federal economist who was allowed to leave office with "a clean bill of health."

The economist, Irving Kaplan, later became a United Nations employee and refused to attend a hearing of the Senate internal security subcommittee last year to say whether he was a Soviet espionage agent.

He was separated from the U. N. on May 29, 1953, shortly after his appearance before the subcommittee. He left U. S. service in 1947.

The testimony about Kaplan was the main theme Wednesday as Senate spy hunters resumed public hearings after temporarily putting off efforts to interview Igor Gouzenko, former Soviet code clerk in Ottawa, Canada.

Fog Hampers Morning Travel

Fog continued to slow down Willamette valley traffic last night and early Wednesday morning, but the sunshine prevailing much of the fore part of the day was welcome, especially to the throngs downtown shopping.

The forecast calls for more fog tonight and Thursday.

The general U. S. weather bureau at Washington, D.C., states Christmas may be a little less white than usual over much of the nation this year. The mid-December and mid-January forecast calls generally for above normal temperatures in the western part of the country.

The state, the highway commission reported today all Oregon highways clear except on some mountain highways, where ice spots slow traffic, and on the routes closed for the winter.

Eugene Starts To Buy Plant

Eugene (AP)—The Eugene Water & Electric board filed a condemnation suit Wednesday to get some Mountain States Power Co. distribution lines and it offered to pay \$1,350,000.

The board reported Tuesday that it planned to file the suit to get the private utility's lines in the Willakenzie and Glenwood districts adjacent to the city.

Mountain States is expected to take strong exception to the amount offered, but whether it will try to halt the entire take-over remains to be determined. It has 30 days to file an answer.