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PARTLY CLOUDY, cooler to night, low, 37; increasing cloudiness Tuesday, light rain by night; high, 59.

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New Business Building for Old City Center

C. L. Corporation To Build for Stores And Professions

A three-story business and office building, with partial basement, with provisions for roof and floor area car parking, will be constructed to cover more than the south half of the block bounded by Ferry, South Commercial, State and South Liberty streets.

The announcement was made Monday by the C. L. Corporation of Portland, through William H. Hammond, vice president of Union Security company, 109 South High street, who has been designated by the C. L. Corporation as property manager.

The estimated cost of the project is placed at around \$800,000.

Approximately 32,000 square feet of floor area will be available on the first floor for retail merchandise and related services.

The second and third floors will provide a total of more than 42,000 square feet of office space for professional and other tenants.

Equipped for Professions

It is planned that the building will be named the "Professional Building," and will provide the latest modern building equipment and facilities for doctors and dentists as well as regular office space of a type found only in the most modern buildings.

The building is to be constructed so as to provide parking for a total of 475 cars on the roof and the central areas of each floor, with parking spaces adjacent to all stores and offices for customers, clients and patients, as well as tenants. A series of bridges across the alley will afford an unimpeded flow of foot and (Continued on Page 5, Column 6)

Public Lands To Be Retained McKay States

Secretary of Interior Outlines Program Of Conservation

By JAMES D. OLSON The Eisenhower administration is not in any "give-a-way" program in relation to public lands but rather determined to insure a sustained conservation program that will insure the benefits of such lands to posterity.

This flat statement was made Monday by Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay, who returned to Salem Sunday with Mrs. McKay to spend the Christmas holidays with their family.

McKay's statement was made in face of an assertion made a few days ago by Orme Lewis, assistant secretary of the interior, speaking in Seattle, that "it was his personal hope that private industry will be so successful in handling the job of growing and managing our forests that (Continued on Page 5, Column 7)

County Seat to Go to Newport

Newport, Ore. (AP)—Lincoln county officials went ahead Monday with plans to remove the county seat from Toledo to Newport in the coming days, despite a court suit attacking legality of the move. Contractor C. A. Moffitt said the former Newport high school gymnasium, now being remodeled, would be ready for county offices by Christmas Eve.

Space has been designated in that building for the county clerk, engineer, treasurer, assessor and tax collector. Rooms have been set aside for the county court and photostat equipment.

The use of the building will be temporary. A new courthouse is planned on the site of the former high school.

The sheriff's office is scheduled to move into quarters in the Newport city hall, where the Newport police also are located. No decision has been made yet on whether to designate the building as the county jail.

Auto Insurance Rates Changed

Auto insurance rates went down today as much as 16 percent for many Oregon drivers, but others will have to pay up to 20 percent more.

The new rates depend on old a driver is, how much he drives and where he lives. Accidents during the previous year also affect rates.

Not all companies followed the same pattern of reductions and increases, but generally there will be four new classifications of drivers added to the three old ones. Most new rates apply only to bodily injury and property damage clauses.

The former class 1 drivers over 25 and pleasure driving only has been divided into three groups:

1-a cars not normally driven to work; 1-b those regularly driven less than 10 miles one way to work and 1-c those driven more than 10 miles each way.

Willamette to Crest At 17.5 Feet Monday

Rivers came up swiftly in the valley over the week-end in the wake of the torrential rain and wind storms sweeping the area, but no major flooding is in prospect at this time.

The Willamette river was up to 17.1 feet at Salem Monday morning, and was due to crest here around 17.5 Monday afternoon. Flood stage here is 20 feet. It is the second time in the month the waters have come up to the 17 1/2 foot mark here.

At Jefferson the Santiam went on a rampage, going to 19 feet, six feet above flood stage, before subsiding. Considerable adjacent field land was washed in that area.

Meanwhile, new snow was piling up in the mountains while the valley regions were being saturated.



Jackson, Mich., Dec. 21—Mrs. Joe Watts (left) and Miss Helen Gilbert (right) are shown on the porch of Mrs. Watts' home after their release by five of the thirteen inmates that escaped from the Jackson prison here. (AP Wirephoto.)

Monday Year's Shortest Day

A giant umbrella of clouds covered almost the entire country today as the sun's annual journey southward drew to an end.

The sun will reach its southernmost position—the winter solstice—at 7:32 p.m. PST today and start north again, signaling the official debut of winter.

As the new season approached, three distinct storm centers and numerous other weather disturbances began to dissipate the mild, sunny weather many Americans enjoyed over the week-end.

The weather bureau reported that several fast moving low pressure systems had snuffed early today to produce a "continuous cloud cover which covers all of the country except the Southwest."

The forecast was for falling temperatures in the Midwest as the three cold fronts swept eastward. Temperatures on the Atlantic Seaboard were expected to rise, then drop tomorrow as the cold air advanced into that area.

Search Glacier For Lost Plane

London (AP)—A ground rescue team started a new climb Monday up an Iceland glacier in a desperate bid to reach a U. S. Navy plane which crashed Thursday with nine men aboard.

Biting blizzards and tearing winds turned back rescue squads Sunday night after they had battled to within a mile of the wreck, U. S. Air Force officials here said. The rescuers had to retreat several miles and make camp because of the severe weather.

Continuous blizzards that had reduced visibility to zero were less severe Monday morning, Air Force headquarters reported.

The rescuers are battling against time in a race to reach Air Rescue Squadron reported severe weather was expected to close in later in the day. "But there is a good chance of reaching the wreck before the weather sets in again."

HOSTAGES RELEASED



Detroit (AP)—Police Monday captured in Detroit three of the five fugitives remaining at large from Saturday night's mass break-out at Southern Michigan prison.

Only 2 Convicts Still At Large After Break

The three apprehended fugitives were identified as Edward J. Enrick, Virgil Lane, and Daniel B. Bousha.

Police said the three were captured in a private home on Detroit's southwest side.

An anonymous tip was credited for the arrest of the trio. Their capture left only two fugitives at large from the 13 who broke out of prison via an underground sewer Saturday night.

Police said Bousha, Enrick, and Lane would be taken to headquarters for questioning on the whereabouts of Roman Usiondek, 37, and Robert Dowling, 33, the still at large fugitives.

Farmers Loaned \$86,429,000

Washington (AP)—Secretary Ezra T. Benson reported today that the agriculture department loaned farmers \$86,429,000 this year under three farmers' Home Administration loan programs.

Most of the money went to drought areas of the southwest. Benson said farmers have received \$55,971,000 since last summer in farmers Home Administration "operating" loans which are designed to help farmers buy corn, hay and other livestock feed.

He said farmers have borrowed more than \$21,719,000 under a special livestock loan program authorized by congress last summer. Another \$8,739,000 has been disbursed under a "disaster loan" program to farmers in drought-stricken states, officially designated as disaster areas.

The livestock and "operating" loans were available to farmers in all states.

BLAST KILLS FOUR Caltanissetta, Sicily (AP)—Four sulphur miners were killed Sunday night and four others seriously injured by a dynamite explosion. A spark from a drill hammer set off the blast.

Russia to Join with Powers In Atomic Control Parley

French Deadlock On President In Ninth Ballot

Versailles, France (AP)—The French parliament failed again Monday to elect a president of the republic. It was the ninth ballot taken since last Thursday.

Premier Joseph Laniel, a wealthy industrialist and the top contender, got 413 votes, a drop of 17 votes from the eighth ballot.

His socialist opponent, Marcel-Edmond Naegelen, who has communist support, got 365, a drop of 103 votes. Montel, 37, emerged as a last minute candidate, received 103 votes. Montel is a member of Laniel's independent party from Lyon.

Laniel Shy 42 Votes

Laniel was only 22 votes short of victory on the eighth ballot in the People's Assembly hall of the old palace of French kings, where the National Assembly deputies and senators have been trying to name a new president.

The number needed to elect on the ninth ballot, a majority of the votes cast, was 456. Thus Laniel, who has led almost all the way, was 42 votes short Monday.

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Last Minute Broadcast to 22 Pro-Reds

Panmunjom (AP)—The U.N. command today prepared a last minute broadcast appeal to 22 American war prisoners who stayed with the communists, even as the allied Far East commander indicated hope has been abandoned that any of the 22 will return home.

The Neutral Nations Repatriation commission announced it had approved an allied request to broadcast to the prisoners Wednesday, hours before the deadline for explanations to balking war prisoners.

The allies staked their hopes of winning back prisoners on the broadcasts and a 12-page letter addressed to each man as chances for face-to-face interviews all but vanished in a welter of last-minute delays.

Chief of Staff Lands in Tokyo

Tokyo (AP)—Adm. Arthur Radford, chairman of the U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and Walter S. Robertson, U. S. assistant secretary of state, arrived Monday on a tour that will take them through Japan, Korea, Formosa and the Philippines.

Robertson, who last summer won from South Korean President Syngman Rhee a promise to observe an armistice, told newsmen he expects Rhee "to cooperate with his allies" in Korea.

Robertson made the statement at Tokyo international airport in answer to questions about Rhee's probable future moves.

Both Radford and Robertson described their trip as routine. Radford said he and Robertson planned to attend the presidential inauguration of Ramon Magsaysay in Manila, Dec. 30, and decided the occasion was a good chance to gather knowledge in the Far East.

Twining Talks On Air Power

Washington (AP)—Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Air Force chief of staff, said Monday America's air offense still packs a harder punch than Russia's—but he warned that the Soviet Union is making "a tremendous effort to overcome that lead."

The Air Force chief also said in a copyrighted interview in the magazine "U. S. News and World Report" that the United States is in better position to strike through the air, should war come, than to defend herself against air assault.

He suggested the Soviets may be trailing in development of a potent air offense because the Russians have had practically no wartime experience with strategic, long-range operations.

Twining said American air superiority would cut down any advantage the Russians might enjoy from big land armies.

BEND TRUCK FIRE

Burns (AP)—Four cars and truck beds were destroyed and the Bend-Portland truck line headquarters here damaged beyond repair in a fire Sunday. Loss was estimated at \$30,000.

Soviet Accepts Proposal Made By Eisenhower

Moscow (AP)—The Soviet Union announced Monday night it is ready for the conferences on atomic energy urged by President Eisenhower, but suggested a pledge for a complete ban on A-weapons as the only way to settle the problem.

The views were made known in a 3,000-word note to the United States commenting on the president's suggestion for talks looking toward an international pool of atomic material for peaceful purposes.

"It is necessary that not some part but the whole mass of atomic material be directed completely to peaceful aims," the statement said.

Ready to Take Part

"As to President Eisenhower's statement on the confidential or diplomatic talks concerning his proposal, the Soviet government... expresses its readiness to take part."

The United States has insisted in United Nations debate for years that any ban of atomic weapons must be preceded by an ironclad system of control and inspection for enforcement. The Soviet Union, on the other hand, has insisted on the ban first and then controls and inspection, but has never spelled out just what kind of controls it envisages. Thus the question has been deadlocked.

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White House Gets Message

Washington (AP)—The White House announced Monday that Soviet Russia has agreed to join the United States in secret negotiations on President Eisenhower's proposal for an international atomic pool.

Murray Snyder, assistant presidential press secretary, told newsmen the Russian government also has asked the U. S. for additional information on Eisenhower's Dec. 8 plan.

Snyder declined to provide more information on the Soviet note, which Moscow radio said had been handed to American Ambassador Charles E. Chip Bohlen in Moscow Monday.

In outlining his plan to the United Nations General Assembly, Eisenhower proposed that Russia join with the United States and other nations possessing atomic materials in creating an international atomic energy agency for peaceful development.

The President suggested that each such nation contribute a reasonable share of atomic materials to a pool for such purposes.

Cabinet Crisis Looms in Italy

Rome (AP)—Premier Giuseppe Pella has threatened to plunge Italy into another cabinet crisis by resigning unless the left wing of his Christian Democratic party wholeheartedly supports his government, official sources said today.

Government sources said the threat of a Christmas crisis was removed through a "cordial" two hour conversation yesterday between Pella and former Premier Alcide De Gasperi, also a Christian Democrat.

The sources said, however, Pella planned to reshuffle his cabinet after the holidays and had demanded that the left wing of the party stop trying to "embarrass" him.

Pella bluntly told De Gasperi, the sources said, he could not carry on with only the "half hearted" support of his own party.

NEWEST DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT PLANNED FOR 1954



Above is a reproduction of the architect's drawing of Salem's newest downtown merchandising and office development, to be constructed by the C. L. Corporation of Portland. The three-story building will cover more than the south half of the block bounded by Ferry, South Commercial, State and South Liberty Streets. James L. Payne is the architect. It will be a 1954 project.

Weather Details Maximum yesterday, 51; minimum today, 41. Total 24-hour precipitation, .29 for month; 1.23 normal; 4.59. Season precipitation, 16.87; normal, 18.97. River height, 17.1 feet, rising slightly. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)