

THE WEATHER

MOSTLY CLOUDY with some occasional light rain tonight, Friday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 35; high Friday, 45.

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New Year Eve Celebrations No Top Record

Gayest and Biggest Since End of World War Planned

(By The Associated Press) The gayest and biggest New Year's Eve celebrations since the end of World War II were expected in many of the cities of the world tonight—sparked by the hope that perhaps peace will have better chance in 1954.

In Moscow, the sales of champagne tripled in comparison to last year's holiday period. And from New York to San Francisco, theaters and night clubs expected the greatest crowds of the postwar era.

Along with the hoop-lanterns planned to gather in churches for watch night services bidding farewell to the old year and praying for the new, health and prosperity for 1953 did not assure highway fatalities loom.

And as America planned to go forth for its usual jollity, the National Safety Council broadcast its usual message on Page 5, Column 5.

Job Texas Bank \$50,000

(By The Associated Press) Houston, Tex. (AP)—A slick man robbed the Houston National Bank of an estimated \$50,000 Thursday and slipped away in a payday crowd.

He struck at 9:20 a.m. just after the big downtown bank opened for business. A few minutes earlier a large sum of money had been delivered to the bank in Texas' largest city.

The bank apparently had prepared for heavy business because of the long New Year's weekend.

It was a smooth job. Nobody saw the robber enter the building, and nobody saw him leave.

Bank officials did not know where he got into the downstairs vault room—where he held a gun on Donny N. Allen, 19, and forced him to put stacks of money in a leather briefcase.

The money was mostly in 20, 50 and 100-dollar bills.

The robber, about 28 and 5 feet tall, melted into the crowd without arousing suspicion.

California Fire Under Control

Los Angeles (AP)—Firefighters were winning their battle Thursday against two forest fires which have caused six and one-half million dollars damage to the watershed in the Gabriel mountains.

Observatory and television installations atop Mt. Wilson, sustained several times since they broke out Sunday on Monday Peak, appeared to be in control.

Richard Johnson, U. S. Forest Service fire prevention officer, said crews hope to have blaze under control Friday, and the wind rages.

He also said the second fire, five miles east in the Mt. Baldy area, might be controlled Saturday under the same conditions. The TV equipment atop Mt. Wilson, valued at four million dollars, is vital to television in Southern California.

Freezing Weather Continues Nights

Minimum temperature for Thursday morning was the freezing mark, 32 degrees, and only a slightly higher mark due tonight.

Ike Enlarges Group to Draft 2 Measures

Flemming of Defense Mobilization to Work on State of Union

Augusta, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower Thursday enlarged the group of top administration officials who will work here on his State of the Union message to include Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, chief of the Office of Defense Mobilization.

It was Flemming's agency which put into effect the controversial policy of channeling more defense contracts into areas of unemployment. The controversy flared after Eisenhower personally endorsed the policy Tuesday.

Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told newsmen, however, that Flemming's visit here has nothing to do with that program.

To Arrive Tonight "He is coming to work on the State of the Union message and nothing else," Hagerty said.

Flemming was scheduled to arrive from Washington late in the day along with other members of a team of key Eisenhower advisers.

Eisenhower will deliver the State of the Union message to Congress in person Thursday.

He worked for 2½ hours Thursday morning on a preliminary draft of the document, then went out for a round of golf at the Augusta National Club.

List's Portland Jobless Center

Portland (AP)—An AFL official urged the federal government Wednesday to list Portland as an area where unemployment is serious.

In a telegram to the secretary of labor, James T. Marr, executive secretary of the State Federation of Labor, said unemployment was the worst since the period before World War II.

The government has announced it will place more defense contracts in areas where unemployment is a serious problem.

Marr said 9.3 per cent of the labor force in Oregon was jobless, compared with a national average of 3.2 per cent. He listed more than 8,000 unemployed in Portland craft unions and said that in addition there was little construction work.

New Law Hits Glass on Autos

Windows and windshields of motor vehicles must meet standards established by a law which goes into effect Friday, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry said Thursday.

The new law covers safety factors of glass used in windows and windshields, and Newberry has prepared a list of such materials which are approved.

Newberry said that almost all new cars meet the standards. Beginning Friday, it will be against the law to replace windows or windshields with any material not on the approved list.

The law applies to new cars sold in the state, but not to used car sales.

Coon Hits Waste by State Bureau Abroad

Washington (AP)—Rep. Sam Coon (R-Ore.) kicked up a fuss today over what he called "shocking and ridiculous" examples of waste and mismanagement in State Department installations overseas.

Coon, who was one of three representatives to conclude a recent inspection trip abroad in 19 countries and the Pacific islands, dispatched a news letter to constituents, declaring that taxpayers would be saved more than 10-million dollars during the next few years because of discoveries of lavish living.

A QUEENLY WELCOME?



These Maori, natives of New Zealand, are not being disrespectful, but are merely giving Queen Elizabeth II their traditional greeting at the Auckland town hall recently. The British Queen is making a tour of her empire. (AP Wirephoto)

Sub-Zero Cold In Middle West

The northern Midwest shivered again Thursday in sub-zero cold and some blowing snow.

The rest of the north central region also was on the chilly side and light snow fell along the northern tier of states from Minnesota to New England.

It looked like a cold New Year's Eve in most of the mid-west with another batch of cold air headed into the region on New Year's Day.

Coldest reading early Thursday was 21 degrees below zero in International Falls, Minn., on the Canadian border. It was -13 at Duluth, Minn., and Grantsburg, Wis. Blowing snow, with winds up to 35 miles an hour, hit sections of northern and lower Michigan.

Florida reported the warmest readings, topped by Miami's 67 degrees.

Clear skies prevailed over the central and southern plains and from the central Rockies to the Pacific coast.

Meany Raps Security Plan

Washington (AP)—The Curtis plan for overhauling the entire social security system has come under heavy attack from AFL President George Meany, who calls it a "morally dishonest proposal."

Rep. Carl T. Curtis (R., Neb.), author of the plan reported that Meany Wednesday "made a vicious attack on millions of fine deserving old people."

Curtis' plan, unveiled Tuesday, calls for extension of benefits to all retired persons over 65 and tax contributions from all workers under 65. It also would boost present benefits.

The Nebraska estimated that more than six million aged Americans, children and widows or orphans not now covered would be brought under the Old Age Retirement and Survivors' Insurance system. This would just about double the number now on rolls.

WINDSORS ON LEAVE

Cherbourg, France (AP)—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor left for the United States Thursday aboard the British liner Queen Mary.

Plan Alaskan Newsprint Mill

Juneau, Alaska (AP)—The Georgia Pacific Plywood Co. has made written application to the U. S. Forest Service regional office here for national forest timber for a newsprint plant in the Juneau area.

Regional Forester A. W. Greeley described the application as bringing a step closer to a long hoped for industrial timber development in this part of Alaska. He said the firm expressed a belief that the area is suitable for a newsprint mill and expressed the intention of launching on such a future project.

Greeley added, however, that even if the company presses forward for the project, and the necessary procedures move smoothly, he does not believe that actual plant construction could be expected in less than two to three years.

He said the company indicated tentative plans for a newsprint plant of 1,000-ton daily capacity. Georgia Pacific is one of the nation's major operators.

Deadline for Labeling Frozen Desserts Jan. 22

Portland (AP)—The state department of agriculture Wednesday gave frozen dessert manufacturers until January 22 to label as "Mellin's" ice cream and other frozen products made with vegetable fats.

The law was not immediately enforced as manufacturers could have time to use up stocks of printed containers.

Indians Reopen Screening Without Notice to Allies

Soviet Camps Hellholes Say 2 Americans

GIs Missing In War Listed Among Dead

135 Anti-Red Chinese Decide To Go Home

Further Screenings Without advance notice, the Indians started "screening" 4385 anti-Communist Chinese, most of whom already had rejected repatriation during the period of interviews which ended Dec. 23.

An Indian spokesman said further screenings will be held starting Saturday or Sunday.

The spokesman said the screening would be continued until all 22,000 anti-Communist Chinese and North Korean POWs have been processed. He said he "suspected" the same opportunity would be given each of the 22 American, one British and 327 South Korean prisoners in the Communist camp. (Continued on Page 5, Column 5)

French Force Reds to Retreat

Hanoi, Indochina (AP)—The French Thursday reported their first sizeable victory with the communist-led Vietminh at Dien Bien Phu—the last major French position in northwest Indochina and perhaps the first objective of the winter rebel campaign.

The French said patrols moving out from their heavily fortified position on the plain just north of Laos fought for more than an hour with rebel units they encountered. The French claimed 54 Vietminh dead and said their own losses were light.

Mobile artillery and fighter planes finally forced the Vietminh to retreat, the French said.

The Vietminh Wednesday were reported active close to Dien Bien Phu for the first time since French paratroopers grabbed the post and its airstrip five weeks ago. Since then the French have poured men and arms into it.

Ike Looking up With Farmers

Washington (AP)—Sen. Thye (R., Minn.) said Thursday the Eisenhower administration is definitely on trial with farmers' at the coming session of congress.

Thye, a supporter of President Eisenhower and a member of the senate agriculture committee, said farmers "are going to be watching closely what is done in congress."

The senator, just back from the midwest, said Eisenhower is as popular as ever with farmers and that they feel better about recent trends.

"In general, there isn't the fear in the minds of the farmers there was eight months ago," he said. "Pork prices have increased, egg prices are solid and there has been a strengthening of beef prices."

Official confirmation that farm prices had ended a four-month decline came Wednesday on the agriculture department, which put the increase for the month ended December 15 at 1.2 per cent.

Knowland in Clash With Ike

Washington (AP)—Disagreement has broken out between President Eisenhower and his chief lieutenant in the Senate, Sen. Knowland of California, over a new administration program to combat unemployment.

Just a week before the opening of Congress next Wednesday, Knowland called the new policy a disappointment and said he would back legislation to modify it. He took that position in the face of Eisenhower's statement two days ago declaring "complete agreement" with the policy.

Whether the disagreement would affect Knowland's attitude toward other White House policies could not be foretold.

Romania Told to Stop Red Publications in U.S.

Washington (AP)—The State Department Thursday ordered the Romanian legation to stop publication of a newspaper and other Communist publications in the United States immediately.

A department statement said the action was taken as a result of the Romanian government's banning of a monthly publication issued by the American legation in Bucharest on Dec. 29. This publication, called "News from America" and printed in Romanian, was first issued last October.

with a circulation of about 1,800 copies, the State Department said.

Rep. Drouks (D., La.) issued a statement this week protesting publication in the United States of the Romanian weekly periodical, called "The Romanian News."

A State Department spokesman said the banning of this paper was taken because of the Romanian prohibition of the American publication and was not related to Brooks' protest. (Continued on Page 5, Column 5)

Traffic Death Toll To Show Reduction

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No figures are yet available on total number of accidents for the year, but a slight drop from 1952 is expected. Injuries, however, are expected to go higher in 1953.

\$72 Million in Atomic Work

Richland, Wash. (AP)—The Atomic Energy commission said Thursday some 32,600 contracts worth more than 72 million dollars were placed during 1953 for the Hanford plutonium works plant here.

The AEC, in a year end report, said \$41,461,072 of the \$72,001,356 in contracts were placed with business firms in the Pacific northwest.

Firms in the state of Washington got \$31,012,524 in contracts, Oregon \$10,363,860, and Idaho, \$84,686. The Hanford plant also procured \$4,184,732 worth of materials and services from other government agencies in the northwest, AEC said.

General Electric Co., prime contractor at Hanford, placed 15,000 of the orders, Kaiser Engineers 9,000, the Blaw-Knox Co. 2,600, and the AEC 6,000.

Big 3 Accepts Big 4 Meet

Bonn, Germany (AP)—The Big Three powers will deliver to Moscow late Thursday or Friday their notes accepting Russia's proposal that the Big Four foreign ministers meet in Berlin on Jan. 25. Allied officials said here Thursday.

The Western notes also agree that the four high commissioners in Germany or their deputies should decide where the conference is to be held in Berlin, these officials said.

They described the Western notes as "very short." Officials of the three governments drafted the notes in Paris.

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