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## THE WEATHER

LOUDY WITH occasional rain tonight; mostly cloudy with showers, Saturday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 40; high Saturday, 54.

## McCarren Hits McCarthy for Red Activities

### Nevadan Says Wisconsinite Stepped Into Unauthorized Field

Washington (AP)—Sen. McCarren (D., Nev.) said Friday the Senate investigations subcommittee headed by Sen. McCarthy (R., Wis.), in its far-flung Red hunts, "has stepped over into a field where it was not intended to function at all." "I don't say it hasn't done good work because I think it has," McCarren said, but he added in an interview that the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee "can do all the work necessary on the Senate side" in investigating subversive activities.

McCarren headed the Internal Security Subcommittee until the Republicans took control of Congress last January and Sen. Jenner (R., Ind.) became chairman. The Nevadan still is the senior democrat in the group.

At Miami, Sen. McCarthy said he had "no argument whatever" with Sen. McCarren's statement. But he said his subcommittee has been very careful to check with the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee so there will be no duplication of effort.

"Our committee, it is true, was not set up to investigate communism," said McCarthy, vacationing with his bride at the same Miami hotel where Vice Pres. Richard Nixon is staying.

"And digging out communism is not our primary purpose. If in our investigations we find subversive elements in government which would prevent the government from operating properly, and no other congressional group is investigating them we go ahead.

"I have no argument with Pat McCarren. Pat is one of the greatest senators we ever had and I have unlimited respect for him. The Internal Security Subcommittee under Pat and Jenner has done good work."

In the new session of Congress starting Wednesday, both McCarren and the Jenner investigating units will be forced to seek additional funds from the Senate. Their spending authority will expire Jan. 1.

McCarren said nothing about attempting to place any curbs on the activities of McCarthy, with whom he often has swapped compliments, and emphasized there was nothing personal in his remarks.

## Group to Aid Indians Named

Gov. Paul L. Patterson, Thursday appointed a committee to help the Klamath Indians prepare for their freedom.

A bill will go to Congress next month to remove the Klamaths from federal supervision. Members of the committee are: Mrs. Loa Howard Mason, public welfare administrator; State Forester George Spaur, State Agriculture Director E. Peterson, State Engineer Charles Stricklin; A. Harvey Wright, State Department of Education; Asst. Atty. Wolf on Otterstedt; Forrest Cooper, Klamath Falls, of the Association of Oregon Counties; and Dr. L. C. Cressman, head of the anthropology department of the University of Oregon.

## Ike Summons Aides to Help Write Message

### State of Union Message to Be Read To Congress Jan. 7

By MARVIN ARROWSMITH  
Augusta, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower, starting the new year with a heavy work docket, called a group of top administration officials to an early morning conference on his State of the Union message today.

Letting the holiday go by the boards, the president sent out word for the officials to report to him at 8 a.m. at his office above the pro shop at the Augusta National Golf Club.

The administration advisers who arrived from Washington late yesterday were guests of President and Mrs. Eisenhower at a New Year's Eve dinner in the golf club trophy room last night.

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## Wind Revives California Fire

Los Angeles (AP)—Strengthening winds today posed a "serious new turn" to more than 1,000 firefighters "working their hearts out" to control the larger of two six-day fires in Angeles National Forest.

The winds, increasing to 20 miles per hour after remaining around 5-10 miles per hour most of yesterday, caused a new flareup on a section of fire line on the slopes of Mt. Wilson.

The new outbreak was low enough on the 5,800-foot mountain to pose a threat to the Mt. Wilson Observatory, where flames earlier swept to within 200 feet.

The flareup was at the head of Bailey Canyon, where flames jumped a firebreak about 1 1/2 miles above the community of Pasadena. Glen and six miles northeast of Pasadena.

The community, comprising 50 homes valued at \$5,000 to \$25,000 each, had been threatened by a closer flareup yesterday.

## Storm Catches Hood Climbers

Portland, Ore. (AP)—A violent storm apparently caught three climbers atop a 11,245-foot snow-covered mountain today.

Wanting to be the first on the peak of Mt. Hood on New Year's Day, they left Timberline Lodge at the 8,000-foot level yesterday morning. They expected to reach the top by nightfall and spend the night there.

## Heltzel to Hold Bus Meeting

### Portland (AP)—A meeting will be held here Monday to try to work out a plan under which Tualatin Valley Stages would resume operation of buses to residential areas southwest of here.

The stage company discontinued its runs midnight New Year's Eve, saying it could no longer afford to operate at a loss. Its license expired Thursday.

Charles H. Heltzel, state public utilities commissioner, will conduct the meeting Monday. E. G. Larson, secretary-treasurer of the stage company, said the firm would resume operation of its 20 buses "if some workable plan could be devised" to make "even a slight profit."

Larson said the company has been losing money for five years. He added that fare increases, for which the firm originally had planned to ask, are "only part of the company's problems."

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## Pro-Red POW Changes Mind, To Return Home

### Seoul (AP)—Cpl. Claude J. Batchelor, a young Texan who elected to stay with the communists, changed his mind Friday and said it is quite possible that other unrepatriated American war prisoners will decide to return home.

Batchelor smiled broadly as he was returned to the U.N. command near Panmunjom after 31 months as a prisoner of war.

He told waiting newsmen that prisoner leaders are armed with daggers to prevent defections and that mistrust and fear play a role in the communist allegiance of the remaining 21 Americans, 1 Briton and 327 Koreans listed as pro-Red.

The 22-year-old corporal from Kermit, Tex., approached an Indian guard at 1 a.m. and asked to return to the U.N. command. Fourteen hours later he was repatriated.

Batchelor's petite Japanese wife, waiting in Tokyo to see him, apparently played an important part in his decision to abandon communism.

He said her messages, relayed to him in the Indian-guarded compound in Korea's neutral zone "had quite a bit to do about it."

Batchelor talked by telephone to his wife in Tokyo. "I feel fine," she said, bursting into tears. "You not sick? Everybody wait for you... I want to see you soon."

"I'm so happy and I'm crying," she said. Batchelor kept repeating: "I'm happy, I'm happy..."

Batchelor originally was scheduled to hold a press conference later Friday, but it was postponed until Saturday.

## Outlook for Livestock Good

San Francisco (AP)—The outlook for 1954 for livestock and livestock products in the seven states west of the Rockies was described Thursday as offering "some grounds of optimism."

In its monthly and year-end business summary, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco said the national supply-demand picture "has begun to show signs of 'stabilizing' and added this has a 'more important bearing' on the general health of Twelfth District agriculture than any single internal factor.

The summary also said: The Twelfth District is an important supplier of both cotton and wheat, from which District farmers can expect reduced cash receipts in 1954. Increased acreages of hay and forage which are expected in 1954 may be marketed at relatively low prices.

Production of fruit and vegetables is expected to increase next year, but this increase is expected to be offset by lower prices for these products.

## Church Ban on Jane Russell

### St. Louis, Mo.—Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter today forbade St. Louis Catholics "under penalty of mortal sin" to attend a motion picture showing actress Jane Russell dancing in a scanty and revealing costume.

Archbishop Ritter's letter was to be read in all churches of the St. Louis Archdiocese today.

"Since no Catholic can, with a clear conscience, attend such an immoral movie, we feel it is our solemn duty to forbid our Catholic people under penalty of mortal sin to attend this presentation," the letter said.

"At the same time, we now urge upon you the grave obligation to refrain from attending any presentation whatsoever in the Fox Theater or any theater in the Archdiocese of St. Louis which would pressure to show this particular picture in the future," the letter continued.

## Big 3 Agree to Kremlin's Big 4 Berlin Meet Jan. 25

### Malenkov Sees Time Favorable To Ease Tension

Moscow (AP)—The government newspaper Izvestia spread on page 1 today Premier Malenkov's New Year's statement that he believes there are favorable opportunities for reducing international tension in 1954.

In reply to questions submitted by Kingsbury Smith of the International News Service, Malenkov said also he could see no real obstacles to a better understanding between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Malenkov declared that a ban on use of atomic weapons would be the biggest step toward peace that could be taken in 1954, but that Russia considers it necessary to reach agreement also on a "considerable reduction" of all types of armaments and armed forces.

Carried on Moscow Radio Moscow radio carried the Malenkov statement, and also one by President Klementi Voroshilov expressing hope for a relaxation of world tension in the new year.

## Underground Army in Russia

Washington (AP)—An underground spokesman says about 100,000 guerrillas are fighting a coordinated battle against communism inside Russia and her subject nations.

A young Slovak, who claims he has made 20 trips back and forth across the Iron Curtain, told this to reporters yesterday.

The spokesman, who uses the pseudonym "Michael Baar," said the campaign is directed from secret headquarters in eastern Czechoslovakia.

Baar said he hurdles frontier barriers with the help of a vaunter's pole. He said he expects to return "at the first opportunity."

## New Violence in Guatemala

Guatemala, Guatemala (AP)—New violence in Guatemala by a band of 60 farm workers attacked two detectives and two farm owners with clubs and machetes and hung them from a tree was brought to light by police today.

One of the detectives died. The other three were in a serious condition.

## 2 New Year Babies Arrive In This Area

Old Papa Stork was having a rough time New Year's day keeping up with the young and rambunctious New Year.

Only two New Year's babies were reported at hospitals in the Mid-Willamette valley area, the first being born at Albany to Mr. and Mrs. William Eason at two minutes past midnight.

The second child was a boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Crutchfield of North Bend in Salem Memorial Hospital at 6:57 a.m. The Crutchfields have a daughter, Luana, 2.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woods, 3392 Brown Road, Salem. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Crutchfield of North Bend.

## Violent Fighting In Indochina

Hanoi, Indochina (AP)—The Viet Minh communist rebels are pouring thousands of troops into Northwest Indochina for an attack on the isolated French outpost of Dien Bien Phu and violent fighting has broken out, the French high command said today.

French patrols reported that a force of rebels totaling several thousand is delaying in the hills surrounding the outpost which paratroopers captured far inside enemy territory November 20.

Artillery and mortar reinforcements are arriving also, reports said.

Fighting in the area has been intensifying for 48 hours. To the south, where the rebels cut Indochina in two, 15,000 munitions laden coolies are reported taking supplies into rebel captured Thakhek, on the Mekong river facing Thailand.

## Jurors Make Error, New Trial

Greenfield, Ind. (AP)—Twelve jurors who said they meant to convict a defendant of manslaughter rather than second degree murder righted their mistake yesterday.

It made the difference between life imprisonment and a sentence of 2 to 21 years for Raymond Tipton, 61, Indianapolis.

## Serve Notice To Avoid Delay Of Conference

Washington (AP)—The United States, Britain and France agreed Friday to Russia's proposal of Jan. 25 for a meeting of the Big Four foreign ministers at Berlin and moved to avoid any further delay of the conference.

Aside from accepting the date—a three weeks postponement from the previous western proposal of Jan. 4—the western powers also:

1. Agreed that representatives of the four high commissioners in Germany should discuss the precise place and any other technical arrangements for the meeting.

2. Said that since the foreign ministers themselves will be meeting soon there is no point now in discussing the questions which will be raised at their conference. This is designed to avoid a preliminary, time-consuming argument over an agenda.

Delivered by Bohlen The United States note on the conference, the State Department announced, was delivered to the Soviet Foreign Office of Ambassador Charles Bohlen at 1 p.m., Moscow time — 3 a.m., MST. British and French diplomats were reported to have delivered similar notes.

The Soviet may make some acknowledgement, finally confirming the Jan. 25 date, but the next serious business is agreement on a meeting site in Berlin.

## Center Street Bridge Glows

The new lights on the Center street bridge were turned on for first use at dusk Thursday evening.

According to Lawrence Flagg of the Portland General Electric company, the lights go off and on automatically, being controlled by a sun switch on Union street. The same switch also controls lights in Marion street near the Marion street bridge.

The lights on the Center street bridge, 30 in number, are of mercury vapor type with arms over the bridge, and the 400-watt tube in each gives off 21,000 lumens, and a lumen is about the same as one candlepower.

The lights on the Center street bridge were financed by the state highway department for the reason that the bridge had lights before it was rebuilt.

## Mystery Storm Sweeps Old Year Out

New Year's morning brought the sunshine for Salem, at last there were some clouds.

Wet old 1953 went out in misty style, strong wind and heavy showers of rain during down in the late hours of the evening. The storm abated as the new year came at midnight. The total rainfall for the 24-hour period ending at 10:30 a.m. Friday amounted to .18 of an inch.

## Building Good But Not Phenomenal in 1953

Salem building permits for 1953 totaled \$5,871,806. It was an average year, not phenomenal as totals have gone in recent years.

Dwelling construction also kept an average with a total of \$2,872,879 going into dwelling construction for the year, all but \$102,000 of this going into one-family units, for which a total of about 250 permits were issued.

## 1953 Christmas Sales Exceed 1952 Record

Washington (AP)—Shopping right up to Santa Claus' take-off time pushed department store sales during Christmas week 12 per cent ahead of the corresponding week last year.

The Federal Reserve Board made the estimate yesterday, pointing out that the week ending Dec. 26 had had one more pre-Christmas shopping day in 1953 than the year before, because Christmas, 1952, was a Thursday.

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## 52.99 Inches Rain Fell During Wet Year of '53

The year 1953 was a wet one for the valley region. For Salem, the weather bureau records 52.99 inches of rain, or 13-14 inches above normal. The total compares to dry 1952 when but 29.88 inches fell for the year. The years of 1951 and 1950 were wet, too, 1950 having 56.55 inches. The 53-year record shows 1937 as the real wet year, however, 63.50 inches coming down that year.

There were 237 cloudy days, 66 partly cloudy ones and 62 clear ones in 1953, showing Oregon was a "cloudy" state for the year.

There were 12 days with one inch or more of precipitation during the year, 151 days with .01 of an inch or more.

The annual report shows the greatest 24-hour precipitation was recorded on January 19 and 20, 2.48 inches pouring down in the period.

The mean temperature for the year was 52.7 degrees, or .4 of a degree below normal. The highest temperature for the year was 95, recorded on August 11; the lowest, 24, recorded on February 24 and March 1.

There were 10 days of a maximum of 32 or below. The year was practically free of snow in this area, eight days being registered with only a trace of snow or hail. In some years, valley regions have really had a pile-up of snow.

Prevailing wind for the year was south.

The December report shows the month to have been slightly warmer and a rainy one. The mean temperature was 42.5 degrees, or 1.5 degrees above normal. The highest mark for the month was 58 on December 19, the lowest, 28, on December 22. Average maximum was 48.8, average minimum, 36.2.

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## Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 61; minimum today, 35. Total 24-hour precipitation: .18 for month; trace normal. 11. Season precipitation, 52.99; normal, 39.48. River levels: 2.9 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)