

THE WEATHER

PARTLY CLOUDY, few showers, patches of fog, cooler to night; variable cloudiness, scattered showers, occasional sunshine, Friday, Low tonight, 32; high Friday, 48.

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FINAL EDITION

Study of State Motor Vehicle Tax Laws Begins

Stanford Research Group Hired by Highway Interim Members

By JAMES D. OLSON A study of revenue loss, if any, of Oregon motor vehicle tax laws...

Jobless List in Oregon Mounts

Nearly 18,000 were added to Oregon's unemployed during December, bringing the number of active job seekers to 63,395.

Seek Rescue of Trapped Miner

RAVENSDALE, Wash. — A coal mine rescue crew worked desperately throughout the night and Thursday morning in a vain attempt to reach a miner who was trapped deep underground.

West in Meet With Russians

BERLIN — Western delegates met with the Russians at length Thursday but failed to reach agreement on the exact place in Berlin for a forthcoming Big Four foreign ministers conference.

Surplus Dried Milk Shipped to Japan

PORTLAND — The Agriculture Department reported today that the United States shipped 10,020,000 pounds of surplus dried milk to Japan this week.

Reds Reject Release of POW On January 23

Demand They Be Kept Until Peace Conference Decides Fate

PANMUNJOM, Korea (UP) — The Communist high command today flatly rejected United Nations insistence that 22,200 anti-Red war prisoners be released Jan. 23.

French Alerted For Assault

SAIGON, Indochina — The French braced themselves Thursday to meet an expected attack on Laos from the Vietnam division which drove across Indochina to the Mekong River and the Thailand border just before Christmas.

Coast Guard Aid Sent Sea Lion

SEATTLE — The Coast Guard sent aid Thursday for the 135-foot tug Sea Lion of San Francisco, which radioed it was drifting in heavy seas off the Oregon coast after losing a barge it was towing.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 36; minimum today, 41. Total 24-hour precipitation: 1.1; for month, 5.2; normal, 1.5. Sea level barometer, 30.1; normal, 30.1. River barometer, 2.2 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

Claim Applegate Seized By Chinese Pirates

PANMUNJOM, Korea, UP — Communist correspondents Allan Winnington and Wilfred Burchett today denied that Chinese Reds captured American newsmen Richard Applegate and Don Dixon off Hong Kong last March.

HOUSE OPENS NEW TERM



Speaker Joseph Martin (R, Mass.) presides from the rostrum as the 83rd Congress reconvened in the House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., Jan. 6. Only routine formalities were scheduled. (AP Wirephoto)

House Probes Junkets' Cost

WASHINGTON (UP) — A second House investigation was underway today into reports junketing congressmen spent close to \$300,000 in "blank check" foreign currency, in addition to travel funds provided by this government, on overseas trips last summer and fall.

Hallinan Starts Prison Term

SAN FRANCISCO (UP) — A smiling, affable Vincent Hallinan surrendered today to the U. S. marshal today to start serving an 18-month prison term for income tax evasion.

Wife's Letter to Batchelor Listed

TOKYO — Cpl. Claude Batchelor Thursday handed U. S. authorities four letters written by his Japanese wife in an effort to woo home four American prisoners of war who stayed with the Communists.

Boston U. Fires Prof. Halperin

BOSTON — Boston University has fired Prof. Maurice Halperin, who was named last November in an FBI report as a link in a Communist espionage ring in high U. S. government circles.

Corliss Lamont Cited, Contempt of Congress

WASHINGTON (UP) — The Senate investigations subcommittee Thursday called for contempt of Congress citations against Corliss Lamont, wealthy New York writer; Abraham Unger, a New York City lawyer, and Albert Shadowitz of Nutley, N. J.

Godfrey Quits TV Sponsor

NEW YORK (UP) — Arthur Godfrey and his seven-year sponsor, Chesterfield cigarettes, reached a parting of the ways today, but a spokesman for the Columbia Broadcasting company said it was amicable on both sides.

\$2,603,800 in Veterans' Loans

The State Veterans department made 399 farm and home loans in December, totaling 2,603,800.

Oregon's Traffic Toll 370 in '53

Oregon's 1953 traffic death toll stands at 370, a reduction of 30 from the 1952 total, Secretary of State Earl T. Newby announced Thursday.

Vital Program In State of Union Message

Gist of Major Policies Listed By Eisenhower

WASHINGTON (AP) — Topic by topic, here is the gist of major recommendations President Eisenhower made to Congress on Thursday, including many to be spelled out in future messages:

Europe Digging Out From Snow

LONDON — Europe shivered some more from winter ice and snow Thursday. Northern Italians, the continent's hardest hit, struggled to dig out from under the white blanket before new storms hit.

Hawaii Ruled by Brides, Claim

WASHINGTON (UP) — Former Hawaiian Gov. Ingram Stainback said today that Hawaii's economy is controlled by Harry Bridges' longshoremen union which in turn is run by men who "absolutely follow the communist line."

New Look Given to Nation Defense by Ike

WASHINGTON (UP) — President Eisenhower gave Congress Thursday the new look at national defense—a "great and growing number" of atomic weapons, expanding air fleets, diminishing manpower.

US and Russia Will Talk on Atomic Pool

WASHINGTON (UP) — The State Department said Thursday the United States and Russia will start preliminary talks on President Eisenhower's atomic pool proposal "presumably in the course of the next few days."

Ask to Share Atomic Secret

WASHINGTON (UP) — President Eisenhower asked Congress Thursday for authority to share certain atomic secrets—with America's allies to strengthen the defense of the free world.

Picking Site for Big 4 Conference

BERLIN (UP) — Berlin's American, Soviet, British and French commandants met today at the British headquarters in Olympic Stadium to pick a site for the Jan. 25 Big Four foreign ministers conference.

Car Plunges Into Willamette

OREGON CITY (UP) — A Crown Zellerbach safety supervisor from Olympia died Thursday shortly after being rescued from a riverbank ledge following a 75-foot plunge in his car.

\$5 Billion Cut In Government Cost Proposed

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower promised Thursday to propose early tax revisions benefiting some individuals and corporations and said the federal budget is being trimmed as a step toward more new cuts in the future.

Reaction to Ike's Message

WASHINGTON (UP) — Congressional Democrats generally greeted President Eisenhower's State of the Union message Thursday with reserve. Republican reaction ranged all the way from full endorsement to outright opposition on specific points.

NEWSREEL MAN FIRED

SEOUL (UP) — Akira Shirashi, a Japanese newsreel camera man, was fined \$35 in a Korean court Thursday for assaulting a Korean guard. Shirashi is expected to stand trial in a Korean court.