

## THE WEATHER

INCREASING CLOUDINESS with rain tonight, Saturday morning becoming showery Saturday afternoon. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 38; high Saturday, 52.

## Oregon Leads in Effort to Kill Highway Financing In West States

### 11 Western States Expected to Adopt Road Use Tax on Trucks

By JAMES D. OLSON  
The state of Oregon leads in the 11 western states in legislation dealing with highway financing, State Senator E. L. Smith told members of the Oregon committee on inter-governmental co-operation, meeting in the state house Friday.

Members of the committee, including Senator Smith, made reports on a meeting of the western conference of governmental relations held in Los Angeles last November. Sen. Smith said that the most forward action on the part of the conference in relations to highway was recommendation of adoption of a road use tax for interstate buses.

### Will End Arguments

California and Washington, Smith said, are expected to adopt this tax soon, and when placed in effect, much of the argument between states on interstate bus taxation will be eliminated, Smith said.

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## Not Guilty Plea By Shoulders

KANSAS CITY (AP)—Former Police Lt. Louis Shoulders of St. Louis, captor of the Greenleaf kidnapers, pleaded innocent in Federal court Friday to a charge of perjury in connection with his account of what happened to the \$600,000 ransom money in the case.

The kidnapers, Carl Austin Hall and Mrs. Bonnie Brown Heady whom Shoulders arrested in St. Louis, were executed Dec. 18 for the kidnap-murder of 6-year-old Bobby Greenleaf, son of Kansas City multimillionaire, Robert C. Greenleaf.

Shoulders' innocent plea was entered by his attorney, Henry G. Morris in St. Louis, at the former police officer's formal arraignment before U. S. District Judge Albert A. Ridge. Shoulders was present but said nothing.

## Need Chains on Santiam Pass

The State Highway Department today advised motorists to carry chains at Santiam pass, where four inches of new snow fell overnight, and at Austin, with two inches. Plowing was going on at both places.

Spots of ice were reported at Government Camp, along with two inches of new snow; at Timberline, with four inches; at Siskiyou, Bly, Ochoco Summit and John Day.

Packed snow was well sanded at Warm Springs Junction, Willamette pass, Meacham and Seneca.

The East Diamond lake highway had bare pavement in exposed areas but continued slippery conditions made chains a necessity. The coast highway, closed by a slide three miles north of Rockaway, may be opened late today, the department said. Until then a detour is available on the Miami river county road.

## U. S. Holds Key Canadian Plans

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP)—The keys to the strong box holding world wealth in northern British Columbia may be in the hands of the United States. Canada may ask the U. S. for corridors to open new gateways to the sea through the Alaska panhandle.

The corridors would open the way for the development of a fabulous treasure land of minerals, power, and timber areas.

Canadian industrial and mining interests are behind the proposals not for one corridor but for several to provide access to deepsea ports on the Pacific.

The plan has been discussed in Ottawa and Washington.

## Effort to Kill Reuther Laid To Gangsters

### Racketeers, Not Gamblers, Tried to Secure Control of CIO

DETROIT (AP)—Wayne County Prof. Gerald K. O'Brien said Friday that gangsters, who sought to seize control of the CIO United Auto Workers, were responsible for the 1948 attempt on the life of CIO President Walter Reuther.

O'Brien discounted previous reports that gamblers had made Reuther a shotgun target because of his successful campaign to cut down gambling by workers in auto plants.

The prosecutor, top man in a police investigation of the attempted assassination, said racketeers came within an eyelash of gaining control of the UAW prior to Reuther's election as president of the auto union in 1947.

O'Brien said Reuther's election eliminated a lot of the racketeer operations within the union.

The prosecutor aired his views at a press conference. It was the first official revelation of the line the prosecution will take in its efforts to convict the accused would-be assassins.

O'Brien reported the mass of evidence gathered painstakingly since the shooting, April 20, 1948, indicated that the gambling issue merely served to bring together labor leaders and racketeers and set the stage for ensuing events.

The real objective, O'Brien said, was to get the power to force management to agree to deals that would be far more profitable and respectable than gambling operations.

## More of Same In Weather

SEATTLE (AP)—The best the weather forecaster can offer for the Pacific Northwest for the next five days is: "It looks like more of the same."

There was a burst of rare sunshine when he said it Friday morning, but he reported more of the type of storms that brought rainfall records for the first week of January are on the way. The sunshine was too good to last.

The prospect was for rain to start Friday night west of the Cascades and continue intermittently over the next five days. The forecast along the coast is for 3 to 5 inches, for the west side interior 1 to 2 inches, and for the East Side a fraction of an inch.

The first storm center was about 700 miles west of here over the Pacific Friday morning. Another was about 1,000 miles farther out.

The forecaster said they probably would hit at intervals of about 24 to 36 hours—"preceded by rain and followed by showers."

Mild temperatures are expected to continue. There are no violent windstorms in prospect.

## 3 Oregon Gls Listed as Dead

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army today announced the names of three Oregon soldiers who have been missing in action in Korea for more than a year and are now "presumed dead." They are:

Sgt. Billy W. Beaverson, friend of Judge Walter Toozie, Multnomah county courthouse, Portland.

Pfc. Doyl G. Brown, son of Mrs. Mary Ann Brown, Myrtle Creek.

Sgt. James D. Murphy, son of John Murphy, 2600 Highway, Coos Bay.

Also listed as "presumably dead" was Capt. Ward O. Neville, husband of Mrs. Eugenia K. Neville of Gold Hill, Ore., and Richmond, Calif.



President Eisenhower has a big smile as he delivers his State of the Union message to a joint session of Congress in Washington. Seated behind the President are Vice President Nixon, left, and House Speaker Martin of Massachusetts. (AP Wire-photo.)

## Patino Heiress Honeymooning

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP)—The honeymooning young Goldsmiths—dark-eyed former Maria Isabela Patino and her husband Jimmy—came out of hiding Friday to report they had reached an understanding with her multi-millionaire daddy, who tried to block their elopement.

But details of the understanding were secret. The smiling 18-year-old bride, looking a bit wan because of a bad cold, cut off all questions on the subject. Jimmy, 20-year-old son of a wealthy London hotel man, would tell newsmen nothing more than:

"There has been a reconciliation and we are very happy to have this amicable solution."

The romantic young couple had managed for days to elude reporters and the private sleuths Belvian tin baron Antonio Patino had hired in a vain effort to track down his runaway daughter and talk her out of marrying until she was older.

## Strike Spreads At Richland

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP)—A wildcat strike by 1,200 AFL carpenters and millwrights caused more layoffs at the Hanford works today, and officials said the entire work force of about 9,500 would be sent home by the week end unless contract negotiations brought a settlement of the five-day dispute.

Spokesmen for the 110 contractors and subcontractors involved did not give detailed figures on the number of workers idled by the strike but said it was more than 7,000. Workers were being sent home as their work caught up with that already done by the carpenters.

Representatives of the strikers and the eastern Washington chapter of the Association General Contractors met in Spokane in an effort to break deadlocked negotiations. A meeting Wednesday ended when contractors offered a seven-cent hourly wage increase and union men stuck to their demand for a 20-cent boost.

## Traffic Fatality In Portland

PORTLAND (UP)—Edward L. Miller, 38, of Portland, last night became the second traffic fatality of the new year in Multnomah county outside Portland. He was killed in a car-truck collision on South-east Division street about half-a-mile west of Gresham.

## Astoria Slide Crosses Street

ASTORIA (AP)—This city's sliding hillside crossed another street Friday, forcing two more families to move and putting the total of abandoned houses at 22.

Twenty-six families have moved out of these houses. Five families—including two of single persons and three couples—still remain in houses in the immediate slide area, now larger than it was Thursday when eight families moved.

The cost of the rain-caused slide was estimated Friday by the Astorian-Budget, based on conferences with officials, residents and real estate men, at something under a half million dollars.

Friday's earth movement finally affected the downhill side of Bond Street, which had been something of a barrier near the bottom of the slide. One of the newly abandoned houses is on that downhill side.

BENSON ON RADIO  
NEW YORK (UP)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson will outline the administration's farm policy in a radio address to the nation Monday night, the American Broadcasting company announced today.

## Couplets as Well as Grid Come Under Fire

By STEPHEN A. STONE

Salem's original one-way street couplets on the state highway street, as well as the newer downtown grid system, came under attack at a meeting of business men at the Senator Hotel Friday noon.

The attack on the two-year-old couplets came from the Capitol Shopping Center, which had joined Friday with the downtown merchants in the fight on the grid system.

J. F. Causey, representing the Capitol Shopping Center, moved that the by-laws of the anti-grid group be amended to include the couplets in the demand that the one-way system be abolished. He made the motion after Bill McMann, another representative from the Capitol Shopping Center, has said he would like to see the couplets abolished.

Causey's motion was not voted on, but even as it was hanging fire another motion was made that an executive committee of five be appointed to carry on with the fight until another meeting is called. This motion carried and the committee is to be appointed.

McMann first asked Mayor Al Loucks if throwing out the grid would also throw out the original couplets. The mayor replied that the question was hard to answer, since the couplets were made by agreement with the State Highway Commission. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)

## Nixon to Report On Global Trip

WASHINGTON (AP)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon today agreed to give the Senate Foreign Relations Committee a first hand report on his 46,000-mile round the world tour.

Chairman Alexander Wiley (R., Wis.), announced that Nixon would be invited to appear. The announcement followed a closed door meeting of the group yesterday at which Secretary of State John Foster Dulles briefed members on the general world situation.

The vice president said he would appear at any date that can be worked out. The suggestion that Nixon be heard came from Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.), who was present for an informal report by the vice president at a private party earlier this week.

Wiley said Dulles told the committee he does not think the Communists plan to resume hostilities in Korea despite reports the Reds are staging a military buildup in North Korea.

## Resume Hearing On Hells Canyon

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Power Commission attorney began presenting Reclamation Bureau witnesses at the Hells Canyon hearing Friday, saying they will testify freely and "without restriction from the Interior Department."

The attorney, John C. Mason, called Louis G. Puls an engineer who designed the proposed federal Hells Canyon Dam, as the first of a dozen Interior witnesses to be heard at a Power Commission hearing on Idaho Power Co. applications to build three dams in the same reach of the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon.

Secretary of the Interior McKay withdrew his department's opposition to Idaho Power's applications last year. The department under the Democratic administration had opposed the applications and asked Congress to authorize construction of the federal dam by the Reclamation Bureau, an agency of the Interior Department.

## Dulles and Zarubin to Open Atomic Pact Talks Monday

### Ike Faces Fight For Program In Congress

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower today was right in the middle of a fight for the program he laid down yesterday and on which he stakes the success of his Republican Party.

On Dec. 2, speaking of November's Congressional elections, Eisenhower said the Republicans did not deserve to retain control of Congress unless they put through a "progressive, dynamic program."

Applause interrupted him 45 times during his 54-minute state of the union message to Congress. Angry expressions of his party expressed the usual, expected praise.

Although he made it abundantly clear the message was only an outline of his program, and that he would fill it in rapidly with special messages, a tiny handful of members bitingly dismissed it as a "hodge-podge" full of "platitudes."

But it was the opposition expressed, even by members of his own party, on some major points in his program, that served him full notice he must assert leadership to get it through.

Last year, a period of learning his job and preparing the program he produced yesterday, he may have felt he could afford the compromise on many issues.

This year, if he compromises when the opposition isn't strong enough to defeat him, then he can be accused of abdicating leadership for the sake of being liked. (Continued on Page 5, Column 5)

## Flexible Farm Prices Opposed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dark storm clouds massed on the Capitol Hill today as the new farm program President Eisenhower will present to Congress on Monday.

The President said in his message on the state of the union yesterday that he would propose that future farm programs be built on the principle of flexible price guarantees.

Of more than 50 congress members who commented, only two senators gave the flexible price idea warm verbal support. Some were noncommittal; more voiced opposition.

Sen. Aiken (R-Vt.), chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said Eisenhower wants "to get a farm program on a sound, long range basis and away from emergency treatment." That was a reference to the wartime origin of the present fixed level price props for major commodities.

## DeGasperi Talks With President

ROME (AP)—Alcide de Gasperi, Italy's postwar premier until last summer, conferred with President Luigi Einaudi Friday as the chief of state continued his efforts to resolve Italy's three-day-old political crisis.

De Gasperi, 72-year-old leader of the nation's biggest party—the Christian Democrats, may be called to try once again to form a government. But he declined to comment after his talk with the president.

The crisis arose on Tuesday when Premier Giuseppe Pella, another Christian Democrat who succeeded De Gasperi after the indecisive elections last June, quit after five months in office.

Under Einaudi's method of calculation the total of those willing to work but without jobs would be closer to 3,250,000.

The CIO leader said the Commerce labor force and unemployment figures for December, announced a few days ago, showed joblessness rose nearly 700,000 in two months, including 422,000 in December.

"This is bad enough, but the report doesn't begin to tell the full story," he said. "The Commerce measure of unemployment just isn't adequate to catch what really has been happening in the job market in the past six months."

### 21 Red Gls To Get New Return Chance

TOKYO (AP)—The Indian command said today it would give 21 unrepatriated American prisoners another chance to return to their homeland and families.

Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimayya, Indian head of the prisoners' commission, promised to conduct a "head count" of the Americans, thus giving them an opportunity to request repatriation.

The Indians' announcement came at the same time that Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, chief truce negotiator, made a mystery flight from Tokyo to Seoul, indicating the United Nations may try to reopen talks on a Korean peace conference.

There were other important developments on the Korean front:

1. South Korea charged that the United Nations was losing its battle with the Communists by trying to negotiate a peaceful settlement of the Korean question.

### 22,000 Face Uncertain Fate

SEOUL (AP)—The Korean Repatriation Commission, caught in the middle of an Allied-Red brawl, today faced what may be the most critical problem of its existence: What to do with some 22,000 unrepatriated war prisoners Jan. 23.

The commission had two weeks until that day of decision when the allies insist the POWs be released under armistice terms.

No matter which course is chosen—freedom or further captivity for the prisoners—the answer means protests and possible violence.

The Reds insist that the prisoners be kept in their neutral zone compounds until a Korean peace conference talks over their fate for 30 days. The conference is far from a beginning even talks to set it up are bogging down.

Both Allies and Reds cite the truce document as support—but their interpretations vary.

## Thailand Makes Up to Indochina

SAIGON, Indochina (AP)—New political troubles bothered France Friday in her Indochinese backyard. Buddhist Thailand next door was making overtures to the Buddhist Indochina kingdoms of Cambodia and Laos, and the Cambodians at least were reported eager for ties with the Thai.

A spokesman for Thailand's diplomatic mission in Phnom Penh, the Cambodian capital, told a news conference his government had proposed "the group of Buddhist countries, including Laos and Cambodia," join Thailand in an alliance against Indochina's Communist-led Vietnam rebels.

French sources in Saigon showed annoyance at the suggestion, viewing it as a possible step toward breaking Cambodia away from the French Union.

## Weather Details

Maximum recorded, 41; minimum today, 34. (AP) 24-hour precipitation: 0.5 inch; 24-hour normal, 1.53. 24-hour precipitation: 0.5 inch; 24-hour normal, 1.53. River height, 6.7 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

## Ike Revises Ban on New Reclamation Work

WASHINGTON (AP)—A reversal of the former Truman administration's ban on new reclamation work officials and congressmen said Friday after a preliminary study of President Eisenhower's State of the Union message.

Undersecretary of the Interior Ralph Tudor said he believed reclamation projects were among the 23 which the President said would be started in the fiscal year beginning July 1.

But reporters checking the White House, the Interior Department and the Budget Bureau were unable to obtain immediate confirmation.

A budget official said it "seems to be a change" in the Truman order which prohibited new starts after the start of the Korean War. But he suggested waiting until the budget is released and the projects identified to determine whether there will be a new policy.

An Interior Department official said he believed the President's statement means the Truman order is being reversed and Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.) gave it a similar interpretation.

### To Confer on Time and Place For Conference

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles and Soviet Ambassador George M. Zarubin will begin preliminary atomic talks next Monday, diplomatic authorities reported Friday.

The State Department press office for the time being announced only that the talks will begin next Monday, but informed diplomats said Zarubin has an appointment at the State Department at 10:10 a.m. EST Monday.

The Soviet and American governments agreed earlier in the week that Dulles and Zarubin should confer on the time, place and other arrangements for more formal discussions on President Eisenhower's proposal to create an international atomic pool for peaceful purposes.

The Soviets sharply criticized the Eisenhower plan on the ground that it fails to do anything about atomic weapons. They made a counter-proposal for a pledge not to use such weapons.

The Dulles-Zarubin conversations will be what the diplomats call "procedural" which means they will officially be concerned only with arrangements for subsequent substantial discussions.

But in fact, U.S. officials hope from these contacts to find out whether the Soviet government is at all seriously interested in atomic negotiations at this time or is just going through the motions for propaganda purposes.

## Plan Cuts in Ike's Budget

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chairman Taber (R-N.Y.) of the House Appropriations Committee said Friday President Eisenhower's forthcoming budget would be an exception from the rule that "every budget can be cut."

Taber, leader of the House Republican budget-cutting drive who is often called "Meat Ax John," declared in an interview his passion for economy doesn't follow party lines.

"We cut Cal Coolidge and Herbert Hoover," he said. "Taber said he expected Eisenhower to submit to Congress a 'tight' budget—one already sharply pared from original agency requests for money."

"But the pot is boiling for further cuts and I think we will be able to make them," he said. "We can always find places for a little more economy."

## Oppose Hike In Debt Limit

WASHINGTON (AP)—A check of the Senate Finance Committee Friday made clear President Eisenhower and his lieutenants have a big selling job to do on one of their legislative proposals—a raise in the national debt limit.

The President and Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey must win over four votes, on the basis of the committee's majority last summer, to get the bill out on the Senate floor.

At the moment, the four votes are not in sight, although there are some good prospects among the 11 members who voted to shelve the measure at the end of the 1953 session. Four favored it then.

Eisenhower told Congress Thursday that progress is being made in balancing the budget but that a deficit still is in prospect for the next year. He renewed his plea for an increase in the present \$75 billion dollar debt ceiling.

He did not give a figure, but apparently meant the \$15 billion dollar boost which was rammed through the House last summer but then stalled in the Senate Finance Committee.

## Russia Insists Big 4 Meet in East Berlin

BERLIN (UP)—The Russians have deadlocked preliminary negotiations for the scheduled Big Four foreign ministers' conference by insisting that all of its sessions be held in Soviet Berlin, informed sources said today.

The informants said that, at yesterday's meeting of the four commandants of this divided city, Russia's Sergei A. Dengin refused to consider the western view that at least three sessions in four should be held in Berlin's Western sectors.