

THE WEATHER

CLOUDY WITH rain tonight, Thursday. Continued mild. Low temperature tonight, 40; high Thursday, 50.

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Court In Split Ruling Denies Widow's Claim

Officer of Firm Held Not Entitled To Accidental Benefits

By JAMES D. OLSON In a four to three split decision the state supreme court reversed the decision of Circuit Judge Ralph S. Hamilton of Bend awarding damages from the state industrial accident commission to Mrs. Pauline R. Allen, widow of Carl Dean Allen.

Allen was president of Gilbert and Allen Flowers, Inc., at Prineville and died as the result of accidentally inhaling carbon tetrachloride spray applied to flowers on a float in the Rose Festival parade in Portland.

Claim by the widow was denied by the accident commission on the ground that no application had been filed with the commission by the decedent to come under the coverage of the act in the manner provided for corporate officers.

Judge Hamilton remanded the case to the accident commission directing it to award compensation to the widow. The commission appealed.

In an opinion by Justice Hall S. Lusk the majority of the court held that the section of the Workmen Compensation act providing "an officer of a corporation shall not be deemed a workman of such corporation and entitled to the benefits of this act unless he complies with this section" is unambiguous and since Allen did not comply, the widow has no claim against the accident fund.

Justices Warner, dissenting opinion held that a corporation officer who has already achieved the status of workman in fact does not need to qualify further under the provisions of the law as a "deemed workman" and that to require him to do so would have been a "vain gesture accomplishing no more than previously done."

Justice George Rossman and Walter Toomey also dissented without written opinion. In an opinion written by Justice James T. Brand, the court reversed a decision of Circuit Judge Orval J. Millard of Jackson county, in a case of the state of Oregon against Rosie L. Peebler and Arthur Hanson, appellants.

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Surface Water Causes Damage

"Water, water everywhere, but no place to put it," paraphrased County Engineer Hedda Swart Wednesday morning after listening to numerous complaints filed with the county court by residents who had a variety of experiences with drainage problems.

Melting snow and a heavy downpour of rain, combined with water logged soil have resulted in much surface water, especially in the low and flat areas east of Salem.

The more persistent complaints have originated in the Auburn district, especially in the vicinity of the school. Swart, who went to the scene several days ago and put a levee on the spot, states that the situation there will not be relieved until a drainage ditch is opened across private land.

Construction of the by-pass east of Salem has resulted in numerous water complications there. It is said the by-pass diverted the flow of water to some extent and in other spots eroded by heavy rains has filled up some of the natural channels. Residents of the area just north of the Silvertown road near the by-pass may be forced to move out.

A request that the county pour out a stub road off the old Sunside highway was received by a resident who said he was snow-bound.

New Natural Gas Proposal

Rain Clears Off Snow to Raise Valley Streams

Extent of High Water Depends on Future Downfall

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER Threat of high water troubles hung over the valley regions Wednesday with all streams coming up following warmer temperatures and heavy rain that has quickly washed off the snow of the week-end.

Substantial rises are due for all valley streams, but the river forecaster is not setting any definite levels at this time—the height of the river depends on how much more rain is coming.

And the forecast is for more rain. Continued cold, however, will hold back snow runoff from the high mountains. It is the runoff from the foothills and in valley sections that is bringing up the streams now, along with the rain.

Lowlands Flooded Lowlands along the Santiam at Jefferson are due to be flooded some late today and Thursday. The Santiam at that point was up to 10 feet Wednesday morning and was still rising, flooding coming at the 12-foot mark there.

At Salem, the Willamette was gauged at 9.9 feet this morning. Flood stage is 20 feet here. Surface waters from the snow runoff along some roads.

Heavy showers in Salem totaled 1.40 inches in the 24-hour period ending at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Downtown, the snow was almost completely washed away by Wednesday.

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115 MPH Gale On South Coast

COOS BAY (UP) — Hurricane force winds swept the southern Oregon coast Wednesday morning, hitting 115 miles an hour in gusts at Cape Blanco, south of here, the Coast Guard reported.

The British freighter Waikawa, in the bay here to load lumber, was buffeted loose from its moorings and driven into shallow water where she bogged down in mud.

In late morning, though, the vessel was freed.

Heavy rain fell and with warming temperatures sent melting snow cascading into the rivers. The Coquille was rising steadily and there was some feeling that lowland areas, often flooded, might be hit again. A tributary, Salmon Creek, was reported higher than it was in a late fall flood.

The abandoned lumber schooner Oliver Olson, fast on the jetty at Bandon since November, shifted on its rocky berth as the wind and waves beat against the hull and observers said it might wash loose.

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Hill Plunges in Oregon City

OREGON CITY (UP) — A huge hillside section, soaked by recent rains and undermined by the swollen Clackamas river, plunged down on a roadway leading to a number of suburban homes and blocked all traffic along the thoroughfare early today.

The slide of rock and earth covered the Clackamas River road about two miles east of Parkplace to a depth of 10 feet for a distance of about 100 feet, knocking out a guard rail and power line. Persons living in the area off Portland's SE 82nd avenue could reach Oregon City or Portland only by detouring through the town of Carver.



NOT AS HEAVY AS IT APPEARS

Several Indian soldiers carry a canvas on their shoulders as they dismantle South Camp in the neutral zone after they were relieved of guarding non-repatriated Chinese and North Korean POWs. Only a token force stand guard at the prisoner of war camp. (AP Wirephoto)

More Money For CCC Looms

WASHINGTON (UP) — The Senate Agriculture Committee Wednesday approved a bill to give 1 1/2 billion dollars more lending authority to the Commodity Credit Corp. for farm price support operations.

The increase to 8 1/2 billions was asked by President Eisenhower. Agriculture Department officials told the senators Monday that the need was urgent because all but 16 million dollars of the CCC's present 6 3/4 billion dollars in borrowing authority has been used up in a recent rush of business supporting sagging farm prices.

Chairman Aiken (R-Vt.) of the Senate committee said he would try to get the bill called up for Senate action quickly.

Vote Toll Roads For Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY (UP) — A 150-million-dollar toll road system making possible a Southwest network of turnpikes has the solid approval of Oklahoma voters.

In a special statewide election yesterday, two legislative bills authorizing construction of three turnpikes carried by a margin of about 40,000 votes. Unofficial returns from 3,183 of the state's 3,275 precincts gave on the two questions: 137,124 for to 128,150 against on one and 109,859 for to 125,287 against on the other.

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Molotov Invites Dulles to Dinner

BERLIN (UP) — Despite all his harsh words about the United States, Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov isn't going to deny U.S. Secretary of State Dulles his turn at the caviar and vodka.

American officials disclosed Wednesday that Molotov has invited Dulles to dine with him Friday night at the Russian Embassy in East Berlin.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 46; minimum today, 24. Total 24-hour precipitation: 1.40; for month: 8.51; normal: 4.96. Season precipitation: 28.98; normal: 23.31. River levels: 5.8 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

Condon Admits Joining 2 Red Organizations

WASHINGTON (UP) — Rep. Condon (D-Calif.) testified Wednesday he had been a member of two organizations cited as Communist fronts. He denied other particulars of 13 "reports" which caused him to be barred from atomic tests last May.

The freshman congressman said he belonged briefly to the American League for Peace and Democracy, later cited as subversive by the attorney general, and for some years to the National Lawyers Guild, cited as a Communist front by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Otherwise, Condon denied or said he had no recollection of the "reported information" on the basis of which the Atomic Energy Commission prevented him from accompanying other congressmen to the Nevada atomic tests. He swore Tuesday he had never been a Communist.

Condon, appearing voluntarily before the Senate-Atomic Energy Committee, completed his formal statement Wednesday morning. He has waived all his legal protection as a member of Congress.

At the White House, a reporter recalled President Eisenhower's recent statement that an individual must be given the right to face his accusers and noted that Rep. Condon was asking that privilege.

Eisenhower said the reporter was asking him to take an off-the-cuff observation and apply it to a specific case.

He certainly believes earnestly in the general statement he had made, the President said. He added he does not know the details of the Condon case but in the interest of decency and justice the congressman should have full opportunity to meet the charge.

Open Border Periodically

CALEXICO, Calif. (UP) — The border between the United States and Mexico is still being opened and closed periodically in the confused situation involving the hiring of Mexican farm workers who are clamoring to cross the line and get jobs on California ranches.

Firmly against the Mexican government, with armed guards, had tried to keep its nationals from crossing the line. Then, in a reversal of policy, Mexican officials withdrew their guards Monday and hundreds of Mexican laborers flooded across the line.

But under this flood of migrants American officials found their checking of them overwhelmed and U.S. officials then closed the border. But Tuesday American authorities opened the gates long enough to take in 300 more Mexicans.

McCarthy Glad Demos Return

WASHINGTON (UP) — Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) promised Wednesday a "no hard feelings" welcome back to the Democrats who have agreed to return to his Senate Investigations Subcommittee after boycotting it for six months.

Sen. McClellan (D-Ark.), who led the Democratic walkout, Tuesday made public a letter to McCarthy formalizing the peace agreement under which the Democrats will receive some concessions from McCarthy.

Full Scale Probe of Fast Rising Coffee Prices

Reds and West Crash Head-on Over Red China

BERLIN (UP) — Russia and the West collided head-on Wednesday in their conference crisis incited by the Soviet proposal to call Red China into world peace talks as a fifth major power.

The foreign ministers of the U.S., France, Britain and the Soviet Union adjourned their third session with the issue up in the air.

The Allies flatly turned down Moscow's demand for a five-power parley with the Red Chinese this spring and demanded the present Big Four talks get on with German unity and Austrian independence treaty.

Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov stubbornly stuck to his guns, listening politely to the three Western viewpoints and then unloading an 80-minute speech without an ounce of backdown noticeable in it.

Dulles Spearheads Drive U. S. Secretary of State Dulles spearheaded the Western Big Three drive to bypass China.

Dulles declared the Soviet demand for a five-power conference including the Peiping government "is primarily a device to attempt to secure for that regime a position in the councils of the world which it has not earned or had accorded to by the international community generally, including the United Nations."

"Certainly," he emphatically declared, "this four-power conference is not the place to decide that matter."

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Pro-Red POW Leave for New North Homes

PANMUNJOM (UP) — Twenty-one Americans, 1 Briton and 225 South Koreans leave the lonely, snow-swept Korean neutral zone Thursday for their self-chosen Communist future.

Indian Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimayya Wednesday approved a face-saving Communist plan to let the Red Cross societies of North Korea and China take the men out of their compound to new homes in the north.

Meanwhile, the Indian custodian force moved swiftly to wind up its job here and return to India. The U.S. 8th Army said the 6,000 Indians would leave Inchon Harbor near Seoul for India between Feb. 7 and 17.

The Americans told newsmen Tuesday they wanted the Communist command to accept them as "free men."

The Red command has refused to take the 347 as war prisoners. Communist leaders charged that it was illegal for the Indians to give Korean war prisoners back to the sides that captured them.

However, by letting the Red Cross groups take over, the Reds are getting the 347 and at the same time continuing the official refusal to accept them as POWs.

British Ready Jet Bombers

LONDON (UP) — Defense Minister Earl Alexander announced today that Britain will put its first big four-jet bomber planes into service this year. They would be capable of dropping bombs on the Russian heartland.

The defense minister also announced that Britain is embarked on a long haul rearmament program, corresponding to President Eisenhower's defense program for the United States.

Alexander, a commander of World War II fame, listed a series of super modern British defense weapons now coming off production lines to bolster Western defense on the flat, vulnerable plains of Europe and carry retaliation from Britain to the enemy.

The first of the new V-class medium jet bombers, four jet planes which will be able to carry the atom bomb will be in service this year," Alexander said in a speech to the Constitutional club.

"The best fighters in the world, the Swift and the Hunter, will, we hope, be in squadron service soon."

Penalties for Pro-Reds OK'd

WASHINGTON (UP) — A Defense Department decision to give dishonorable discharges to 21 Americans who elected to stay with their Communist captors in Korea was applauded Wednesday by top members of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

But Sen. Hunt (D-Wyo.), a committee member, voiced doubt about the filing of preliminary charges against Cpl. Edward S. Dickenson, the Virginian who reversed his original decision to remain with the Communists.

Chairman Saltonstall (R-Mass.) of the Armed Services Committee and Sen. Russell (D-Ga.), its senior Democratic member, approved the order of Secretary of Defense Wilson that the 21 Americans be given dishonorable discharges.

M&M Elects Directors

PORTLAND (UP) — The M and M Wood Working Co. Tuesday announced election of two new directors. They are Neil Malachuk and E. J. Kolar, both of Portland.

The motion to reconsider last week's vote by which the two bills were combined, Butler said, was made by Sen. Dworshak (R-Idaho). The vote on that motion and the actual reconsideration vote which followed each carried by a narrow 3-7 margin.

Butler said the committee then took up the motion made by Sen. Kuchel (R-Calif.) last week to report out the Hawaii-only bill. He announced the vote as 12-3 but would not identify those senators voting against it.

Referring to the Alaska bill, Butler said he personally is committed to report it "at the earliest possible moment."

President Says Dickenson Case Disturbs Him

WASHINGTON (UP) — President Eisenhower said Wednesday the Federal Trade Commission will make a full scale investigation of rising coffee prices.

The President told a news conference the commission launched a preliminary inquiry Jan. 13 and already has discovered enough to warrant a full investigation.

Such an inquiry, he added, is going to take place. Prices for coffee have lately jumped above \$1 a pound and wholesalers have predicted a further rise.

The Trade Commission's investigation will be aimed at determining whether any laws have been violated.

The President said the FTC would look specifically into charges that domestic trading in coffee had been limited to certain types.

Backs Dulles at Big 4 At his news conference, the President also:

1. Declared he is backing up the position of Secretary of State Dulles at the Berlin Big Four conference. That was in reply to a request for comment on Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's demand for a big five parley, including Red China, on world problems. Dulles rejects that idea.

2. Said his associates at the capitol tell him they still are hopeful a compromise on the controversial Bricker treaty — power amendment can be worked out.

3. Discussed the distinction, as he sees it, between the policies of his administration and the "New Deal" of the preceding democratic administrations. He said his administration is politically liberal in dealing with individuals and and conservative in dealing with economic and monetary matters.

Sharp Quake In California

TEHACHAPI, Calif. (UP) — A sharp earthquake jolted this mountainous city early today but there were no reports of damage.

The quake, lasting several seconds, was felt as far as Los Angeles County, about 60 miles to the south.

C. S. Chipwood, building inspector for Tehachapi, said the tremor "was quite severe and shook things around a bit."

He said there was no immediate report of damage. The quake was felt at the site of the July 21, 1952, quake which killed 13 persons and injured more than 35 persons.

Seismographs at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena registered the tremor at a magnitude of "about 5." It was timed at 6:20:07 a.m. PST and was termed as an "aftershock of the 1952 quake."

Seeks Slash in Excise Taxes

WASHINGTON (UP) — House Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr. (R-Mass.) said Wednesday he hopes Congress can act this year to cut all excise or sales taxes now above 10 per cent down to that level, except for liquor and tobacco.

Congressional staff authorities have estimated such a move would reduce revenues about 942 million dollars a year.

But Martin said he believes increases in sales and employment under the spur of such a tax reduction probably would present any actual revenue loss.

Martin said he didn't expect the Eisenhower administration to propose any excise tax changes. But he said he hopes the economic situation will be such that the administration will not fight such a move by Congress "when the time comes."

The proposed cuts would apply to furs, jewelry, cosmetics, luggage, women's handbags, movie and other admissions, photographic equipment, light bulbs and tubes, safe deposit boxes, and club dues, now all taxes at 20 per cent.

Israeli Protests to U. N.

JERUSALEM (UP) — Premier Moshe Sharett told the Israeli Parliament Wednesday that Israel's U.N. delegation has been instructed to submit a complaint against Egypt. Israel, he said, would protest against the "arbitrary actions of Egypt in holding up ships passing through the Suez Canal."

Stamp Plan for Surplus Food

WASHINGTON (UP) — A food stamp plan for needy families emerged today as a possible means for getting the government's surplus farm stocks out of warehouses and onto American dinner tables.

Chairman George D. Aiken (R-Vt.) of the senate agricultural committee disclosed that the agriculture department, pondering what to do with the multi-billion dollar hoard of farm commodities, is interested in the plan.

Aiken wryly challenged his senate colleagues to back it with the same enthusiasm they showed last summer for emergency drought relief measures providing food for hungry cattle."

Bricker Support Seen Crumbling

WASHINGTON (UP) — Support for the Bricker amendment showed signs of crumbling today as the senate squared off for what promises to be the angriest constitutional debate in years.

Sen. Robert C. Hendrickson (R-N.J.) revealed he now has "grave doubts" about voting for the proposed curb on the president's treaty making powers although he originally helped put it over in committee.

Other backers were climbing off the handwagon but they were keeping the fact quiet in advance of the showdown floor debate, expected to get underway before tonightfall.

Senate republican leaders continued to search for a last minute compromise to prevent an open battle certain to play hot with party unity, the administration's program, and GOP fortunes in the November elections.

Reuther Raps Strike Veto Plan

WASHINGTON (UP) — CIO President Walter Reuther said today President Eisenhower's recommendation for government-sponsored strike votes reflects "a deep-seated anti-labor prejudice."

Reuther bitterly criticized most of Eisenhower's 14-point program for revising the Taft-Hartley labor relations law, stating on testimony prepared for a Senate Labor Committee hearing that its net effect would be to make the law "even worse than it is."

"This is not a middle-of-the-road approach to labor-management relations," he said. "It is essentially the approach of the National Assn. of Manufacturers, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and of the anti-union employers whom they represent."

Jobless Claims Drop Slightly

WASHINGTON (UP) — The government reported today that new unemployment insurance claims dropped slightly last week for the first time since October.

The Labor Department also reported that a total of 1,951,999 persons were claiming unemployment insurance during the week ended Jan. 9. This was the highest number since May, 1950, and represented 3.5 per cent of insured workers.

The department said 444,800 persons filed initial claims of notices of unemployment, during the week ended Jan. 16. This was 24,100 fewer than in the previous week when the total was the highest since immediately after World War II. Since October, the number of new claims filed each week had been climbing steadily.

Senate Group Approves Hawaii Statehood Bill

WASHINGTON (UP) — The Senate Interior Committee Wednesday approved a Hawaii statehood bill for Senate consideration.

Chairman Butler (R-Neb.) said the committee action came on a 12-3 vote after it had divided 8-7 on an earlier motion separating the Hawaii legislation from an Alaska statehood proposal.

He said the committee agreed unanimously to vote on the Alaska legislation "no later than Feb. 4."

A meeting will be held Feb. 3, Butler said, to permit all committee members to offer amendments, if desired, to the Alaska bill now being worked over by the territories subcommittee.

Butler said the committee session was attended by all but two of its members. He said Sen. Murray (D-Mont.) left a proxy