

THE WEATHER

PARTLY CLOUDY with a few showers tonight and Saturday. Continued mild. Low tonight, 36; high Saturday, 50.

FINAL EDITION

\$10,364,400 In Loans Made Oregon Vets

Highest Volume Year Since Program Launched in 1945

By JAMES D. OLSON A total of \$10,364,400 was borrowed by Oregon World War II and Korean war veterans in 1953 under the state's veteran four per cent home and farm loan program, establishing the highest year in dollar volume since the program was started in 1945.

This was revealed in a report made by H. C. (Hub) Saalfeld, director of the State Department of Veterans Affairs, who said that this volume of loans brings to \$49,944,144, the total amount loaned since the program's inception.

1,831 Loans Closed While last year's dollar volume record exceeded the previous highest year established in 1950 by more than \$2,378,000, the number of loans closed in 1953—1,831—was still 75 short of the peak year of 1949 when loans were closed with 1,906 veterans.

December of 1953, Saalfeld said, set a new monthly record both in dollars and in loans closed, with 399 veterans obtaining loans amounting to \$2,663,800.

Maximum Lined Saalfeld said that the reason for the bigger volume and in year-end closings for 1953 was the increase in the maximum amounts which veterans may borrow from the state, as approved by the 1953 legislature.

The previous limit of \$6,000 on homes and farms was increased to \$9,000 for homes and \$15,000 for farms. The large limits took effect in July, 1953, and applications for loans have more than doubled since that time, Saalfeld said.

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Syria Under Martial Law

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UP)—Syria went under martial law tonight and rushed troops to its Jordan frontier as Syrian President Adib Shishakly acted to put down a revolt which has erupted in bitter fighting in many cities.

Shishakly, who seized power in December, 1951, in a coup d'etat, charged that the mountain chief, Sultun El Atrash was attempting to overthrow him with foreign aid, presumably British.

Troop reinforcements were rushed to the Jordan frontier on the President's orders to prevent either arms or money from reaching the hostile chief who led a 1925 revolt against the French.

Riotous demonstrations and bloodshed followed after Shishakly ordered the arrest of El Atrash and a number of opposition party leaders and university students.

Some casualties were reported in the fighting which resulted in the deaths of several persons, including Jabel Druze, Damascus, Aleppo, Homs and Hamma. No figures were given.

Weather Bars Plane Landing

Salem's United Air Lines station personnel stood by Thursday and prepared to take care of Portland bound flights of UAL, because of marginal weather there, but in the end Portland got Salem's last flight Thursday evening.

Southbound Flight 168, which goes into Medford with stops in Portland, Salem and Eugene, after leaving Seattle, could not land in either Salem or Eugene because of the weather conditions in both cities. The flight, normally landing here at 7:45 p.m., finally returned to Portland and terminated there.

Salem, earlier in the day had taken two flights for Portland: Northbound flight 159, which makes a Salem stop at 12:10 a.m., terminated in Salem because of the weather and passengers were bussed to Portland. About two hours later southbound flight 178 came into Salem from Seattle skipping its Portland stop. That flight lands in Salem at 4:25 p.m. when on schedule.

Friday morning the Salem UAL station originated flight 155, which under normal conditions originates in Medford and goes north to Seattle. The plane used Thursday for northbound flight 159 was used in making up flight 155 in Salem.

BRITISH TRADE GROUP SEEKS RED TRADE MOSCOW (AP)—A 33-member British trade delegation, reportedly representing some of their nation's largest firms scouted for orders Thursday in Moscow.

Weather Details Maximum yesterday, 45; minimum 36. Total 24-hour precipitation, .01. For month: 8.96; normal, 3.59. Season precipitation, 23.80; normal, 23.63. River height, 18.7 feet. Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.

Luckey Named U.S. Attorney For Oregon

District Attorney of Lane County Succeeds Henry L. Hess

WASHINGTON (UP)—President Eisenhower today nominated Clarence E. (Ed) Luckey, 34-year-old Eugene attorney, to be U. S. District Attorney for Oregon.

Luckey's nomination was submitted to the senate shortly after noon to replace Henry L. Hess of Portland, a democratic administration appointee who resigned. Luckey was supported for the federal post by Sen. Guy Cordon (R., Ore.). He has been district attorney for Lane county since 1946.

Sen. Cordon earlier had recommended State Sen. Warren Gill of Lebanon for the Oregon district job but Gill's name was rejected by the justice department because of opposition by some Negro leaders. Cordon said he had "no objection" to the Luckey nomination, making it likely that the senate would confirm the appointment without difficulty.

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Compact Spurs Utility Finance

SPOKANE (AP)—The Columbia River Interstate Compact Commission Friday turned down an informal request for financial aid for the Pacific Northwest Governor's Power Policy Committee.

Mark R. Kulp Idaho state engineer, said the governors' committee wanted help in raising \$80,000 for a budget to employ an engineering staff.

"If something isn't done to help them raise a budget," he said, "the check will be picked up by the utilities and that would not be good."

Frank A. Banks of Coulee Dam, Wash., chairman of the compact commission, said the power committee should have its own funds. Agency has got to have its own funds if it is going to displace the \$500,000 which the United States has been spending on planning," he said.

Snow Weasel On Rescue Trip

INDEX, Wash. (AP)—An Army snow weasel was readied today to fight through snow drifts 12 feet deep to rescue a snowbound minister, his wife and two children, and possibly eight or nine other persons.

The minister was identified as the Rev. Cameron Sharpe who with his wife, operates a "Christian" resort for children at Garland Springs in the Cascade Mountains.

The group has been isolated for 10 days by deep snow and friends of the Sharpes were concerned that they might be very low on food.

The public information officer at McChord Air Force Base near Tacoma, tentatively identified the other snowbound persons as Boy Scouts and their scout master. However, no positive identification was made nor the exact number of the other person in the group known.

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TOMMY'S HISTORY LESSON



Outlook Good For '54 Power

TACOMA (AP)—Top power figures in the Pacific Northwest, from both public and private agencies, agreed here Thursday the region faces power shortages unless additional generating facilities are undertaken soon.

However, the group cast pleased glances at the current power picture. Full reservoirs and continued snappy weather have pushed electricity consumption to all-time highs.

The Northwest Utilities Conference Committee, which meets periodically to discuss power problems, also was introduced to the new head of the Bonneville Power Administration, Dr. William Pearl.

Dr. Pearl eased the minds of Tacoma City Light head C. A. Erdahl and the Public Utilities Board with announcement of the announcement the pending rate raise in Bonneville power will be held up for study at least until next December.

4000 Autos in Cold Storage

PITTSBURGH (AP)—A former Defense Department official charges that 15 million dollars in military funds were used in 1951 to purchase 7000 automobiles which "have been stockpiled in dead storage ever since."

The charge was made last night by Col. Willard F. Rockwell, a former special assistant to the secretary of defense, in a speech to the Pittsburgh Traffic Club.

"Top Pentagon officials have learned they must deliberately waste money in slow years in order not to 'lose' part of their annual appropriations and thus jeopardize national defense," Rockwell said, in explaining the purchase.

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Willamette Waters To Crest at 19 Feet

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER here this season, the crest in the late fall rains reaching 18.5 feet.

In the upper Willamette regions, the river was starting to recede, except at Albany where the crest is due by 10 p.m. Friday, 21 feet, one foot above flood stage there.

At Jefferson, the Santiam was down to 15.5 Friday morning after cresting at 17.4. Flood stage there is 13 feet.

For the time being at least the "big storm" period has abated in the valley regions. The five-day forecast from the weather bureau calls for recurring rains, averaging from 1 to 2 inches, and for above normal temperatures.

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Bridges' Union Barred by NLRB

WASHINGTON (AP)—The National Labor Relations Board Thursday refused to let Harry Bridges' International Longshoremen's Union participate in a forthcoming NLRB election among West Coast ship cooks and stewards.

The NLRB ruled that Bridges had applied too late to give the ILWU a place on the ballot.

The election is to be held soon among ship cooks and stewards employed by member shipping firms of the Pacific Maritime Assn. between two rival unions.

These are the AFL cooks and stewards, which is part of the AFL Seafarers International Union, and the National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards, which is one of the unions ousted from the CIO several years ago on grounds it was Communist dominated.

The commission said it received 7,755 new claims for jobless payments last week, in addition to 43,824 payments on claims that had been filed previously.

The winter unemployment peak usually is reached in late January or early February.

However, last week's totals weren't as bad as in the corresponding week of 1950, when there were 10,936 new claims plus \$3,592 payments on prior claims.

Unemployment insurance payments now are averaging about \$22.50 a week. Half of Oregon's 675,000 workers are covered by unemployment insurance.

The commission said it is sending staff members from Salem to the state to help line up jobless persons in temporary jobs.

New Method of Blood Count

PORTLAND (AP)—A method of calculating the number of white corpuscles in the blood stream was reported here Thursday by the Western Society for Clinical Research opened a two-day meeting.

A paper by Dr. Edwin E. Osgood, head of the division of experimental medicine at the University of Oregon Medical School, said that research showed that only 1-400th of the white corpuscles in the body actually are in the blood stream.

The white corpuscles, he said, are not primarily blood cells but in the blood stream only when en route to other parts of the body. He described them as a mobile army moving to defend parts of the body as needed.

The method of calculating the white corpuscles was developed by determining their life span by death outside the body.

LANDSLIDE CRUSHES 8 HOUSES MODENA, Italy (AP)—A huge slow-moving landslide inched toward more doomed rural homes near here Friday after crushing its eighth house in two days. No body has been lost, however.

Eden Submits Big 4 Plans For Germany's Unification

Transamerica Sells 15 Banks To 1st National

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Sale by Transamerica Corporation to the First National Bank of Portland, of 15 Oregon banks with 18 offices substantially owned by Transamerica was announced Friday by F. N. Belgrano, Jr., chairman of the board and president of Transamerica.

The 18 offices of these banks will become branches of the First National in these Oregon towns and cities: Carlton, Corvallis, Cottage Grove, Eugene, West Eugene, Forest Grove, Lebanon, Monroe, Ontario, Philomath, Portland, Prineville, Seaside, Silverton, Springfield, Sweet Home and Yamhill.

Subject to Approval The sale is subject to approval by the comptroller of the currency in Washington, D. C., and the superintendent of banks of Oregon.

PORTLAND (AP)—C. B. Stephenson, president of the First National Bank of Portland, said Friday that acquisition of 15 affiliated banks was the biggest banking transaction in Oregon's history, involving resources of over 140 million dollars.

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Sniper Dies in Gas Chamber

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP)—The phantom sniper who terrorized South Los Angeles for more than a year, died in San Quentin prison's gas chamber Friday.

Evan Charles Thomas, 30-year-old railway switchman was executed for killing Mrs. Nina Bice, 33, mother of three children.

The sniper, who wrote a federal judge "I'm in bad trouble and I'm scared" in a last minute appeal for life, went into the death cell calmly.

The pellets were dropped at 10:04 a.m., filling the chamber with lethal gas, and Thomas was pronounced dead at 10:12.

Thomas testified at his trial that he obtained sexual satisfaction from shooting at women with a small caliber rifle.

He was accused of assault with a deadly weapon on seven people, including a 10-year-old girl, during the year of night time terror. Mrs. Bice was shot and killed as she sat drinking coffee at an outdoor hot dog stand Aug. 29, 1952.

Thomas confessed to being the phantom sniper after he was arrested for shooting Mrs. Joan Frances Hiles, 22.

Montreal Fears Razor Slasher

MONTREAL (AP)—Two more women were attacked last night in a series of razor-slashing incidents that have given Canada's biggest city the name.

In the past week, 13 women have been injured. One required 21 stitches. Most of the wounds were minor, however—chiefly cuts on the leg.

Last night's attacks were at opposite ends of the city, at close to the same time. Police speculated there might be two razor wielders at work. Descriptions of the attacker are varied widely.

Fear spread through the city of a million persons. Several schools closed early so children could be home before dusk rush hour. Police got 2,000 phone calls during a three-hour period last night from persons who thought they had seen the slasher.

21 GIs Stop At Kaeson on Way North

PANNUNJOM, Korea (AP)—Twenty-one American friends of the Communists found a new home in Kaeson today, and residents stared at them with curiosity as they strolled through the dusty streets of the little North Korean town.

Some of them probably had hangovers, as they were guests of honor at a big welcoming party last night around a board graced with Chinese foods and several kinds of wines and liquors.

One of the Americans, who was not identified by a Communist source, rose at the height of the celebration to thank the Reds for winning them away from America so they could "fight for peace."

There was no indication when the Americans who renounced their home and country would leave for the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

Substitute for Bricker's Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland said today "substantial progress" has been made on a Republican-Democratic substitute for the proposed Bricker treaty curbing constitutional amendment.

Knowland said it would be finished during the day. He hoped the bipartisan proposal would muster the two-thirds senate vote needed for a proposed constitutional amendment.

The Californian said the substitute will have "substantial bipartisan support." But he would not say whether it would be acceptable to Sen. John W. Bricker (R., O.) or his backers.

Knowland would not predict whether the substitute will be adopted by the Senate. But he said he is "more convinced than ever that the Senate will pass some form of constitutional amendment."

Tito Declares Independence

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)—President Tito declared today Yugoslavia will pursue an independent path in foreign policy regardless of friendly moves on the part of the Soviet Union and its satellites in the past year.

He referred to what he termed "some malicious guessing" in the West that Yugoslavia might return to the Soviet camp despite the break with the Communists in 1948. He called such allegations "false."

Tito, who will be re-elected president of the nation today or tomorrow, voiced his views in an 80,000-word state of the nation address to Parliament in which he discussed the country's domestic and foreign problems.

"I think our future foreign policy should be conducted on the same basis as it has been in recent years, because it produced useful results in preserving our independence, integrity and in defying an economic blockade," he said.

PHILIPPINES SEEK MORE DAMAGES

MANILA (AP)—The Philippine Senate Thursday unanimously approved a resolution asking the U.S. Congress for "at least 100 million dollars for additional war damage payments."

When it had developed an economic base sufficient to support itself as a state.

More recently, he announced he favored sending an Alaska bill to the Senate floor for discussion. Asked directly whether he favored statehood now, however, he replied that it depended upon the bill reported by the Senate committee.

Reliable sources, however, indicated the governor was much more direct in his testimony to the subcommittee.

Conclusion of Peace Treaty Also Sought

BERLIN (AP)—British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden submitted to the Big Four conference Friday a five-stage plan for the unification of Germany "and the conclusion of a freely negotiated peace treaty."

His plan—understood to have the full support of France and the United States—specified that "free and secret elections should be held throughout Germany, including Berlin, at the earliest possible date."

Safeguards "to assure political freedom before, after and during the elections" would be provided.

5 Stages Outlined The five stages as outlined by Eden are:

1. Free elections throughout Germany.

2. The convocation of a national assembly resulting from those elections.

3. The drafting of a constitution and the preparation of peace treaty negotiations.

4. The adoption of the constitution and the formation of an all-German government responsible for the negotiations of the peace treaty.

5. The signature and entry into force of the peace treaty.

The proposal by Eden brought the foreign ministers back to the German question as the Western powers planned, after a series of diversionary moves by Russia's V. M. Molotov on Asiatic problems, world disarmament and a place for Red China in global council.

Bayar Cautious Of New Fires

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Bayar of Turkey cautioned Congress Friday that "new fires may break out" in the world and named the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as the best defenses against them.

In his brief address before a special joint meeting of the two houses, Bayar pointed out that Turkey has also sought "to fill in the gaps" in the peace front by signing the tripartite Balkan pact with Greece and Yugoslavia.

"When an unjust aggression, kindled by the false belief that the United Nations would neither act nor intervene, occurred in Korea, Turkey did not hesitate for a single moment to join those countries which showed the fortitude to send their sons to faraway battlefields."

He expressed the hope that peace would come to the Far East, but even "should peace be signed," he said, the United Nations resolution on Korea should remain in force.

UN to Reject India's Proposal

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—India faced almost certain failure Friday in her request that the U. N. General Assembly meet again soon to debate Korean problems. A widespread view was that such a session would only duplicate the talks now on in Berlin and Penmunjom.

This was the last day for the 80 member nations to say whether they were for or against reconvening the Assembly Feb. 9. Only 19 of the needed majority of 31 had approved the idea—including India and the Soviet bloc. Sixteen had turned it down—including the United States and nine of her 15 Korean War allies.

Further replies before the deadline—midnight Friday—were not expected to produce the favorable majority needed to start the Assembly on the date proposed by Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, the Indian Assembly president. But already there was talk of an Assembly meeting in April if a Korean peace conference is no nearer.

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DiMaggio, Marib On Trip to Japar

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) DiMaggio and his bride, actress Marilyn Monroe, were to leave with baseball manager Lefty O'Doul today on a trip to Hawaii and Japan.

The airline said it did not know the party's itinerary but O'Doul had announced earlier he would fly to Tokyo to help over the 1954 Japanese baseball season.

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