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PATCHES of fog tonight. Thursday morning: becoming mostly sunny Thursday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 28; high Thursday, 55.

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Reapportion Briefs Filed in Supreme Court

Time for Candidates To File Cut Short by Legal Procedure

By JAMES D. OLSON Briefs were filed Wednesday in the state supreme court by State Rep. Dave Baum of La Grande, challenging the reapportionment measure passed by the voters at the 1953 general election.

The brief was filed shortly after noon by John F. Steelhammer of Salem and George T. Cochran of LaGrande. At the time of filing the brief the attorneys also filed a petition asking the court to set the case for hearing of arguments on February 25.

Baum last month served notice of intention to file an appeal against the decision of Circuit Judge Rex Kimmell of Marion county, who upheld the constitutionality of the amendment.

Questions Authority The appeal is based on the premise that the amendment delegates what Baum calls a legislative prerogative to the executive and judicial branches of the state government. This is based on sections in the measure providing that in the event the legislature fails to reapportion itself following the taking of each federal census, the secretary of state must do so, and if he fails, the task falls on the supreme court.

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Religion and Law-making Panel Theme

Church Council Brings Legislators And Clergy to City

By FRED ZIMMERMAN The Oregon Council of Churches in session at the First Christian church delved into the field of politics Wednesday forenoon with three state senators and one representative providing the food for thought.

Through the medium of a political seminar bearing the title "The Church Must Be Concerned," and with Senator Phil Hitchcock in the role of moderator, Senators Howard Belton and Richard Neuberger, together with Rep. Mark Hatfield, advanced their theories as to the responsibility of the church to the affairs of state.

Problems with which government must deal are quite frequently those which should be the concern of the church, said Senator Belton. He said that it was not strange that there is corruption in government because there is no segment of society that is not similarly afflicted. In this connection he believed corruption is greatly over-emphasized.

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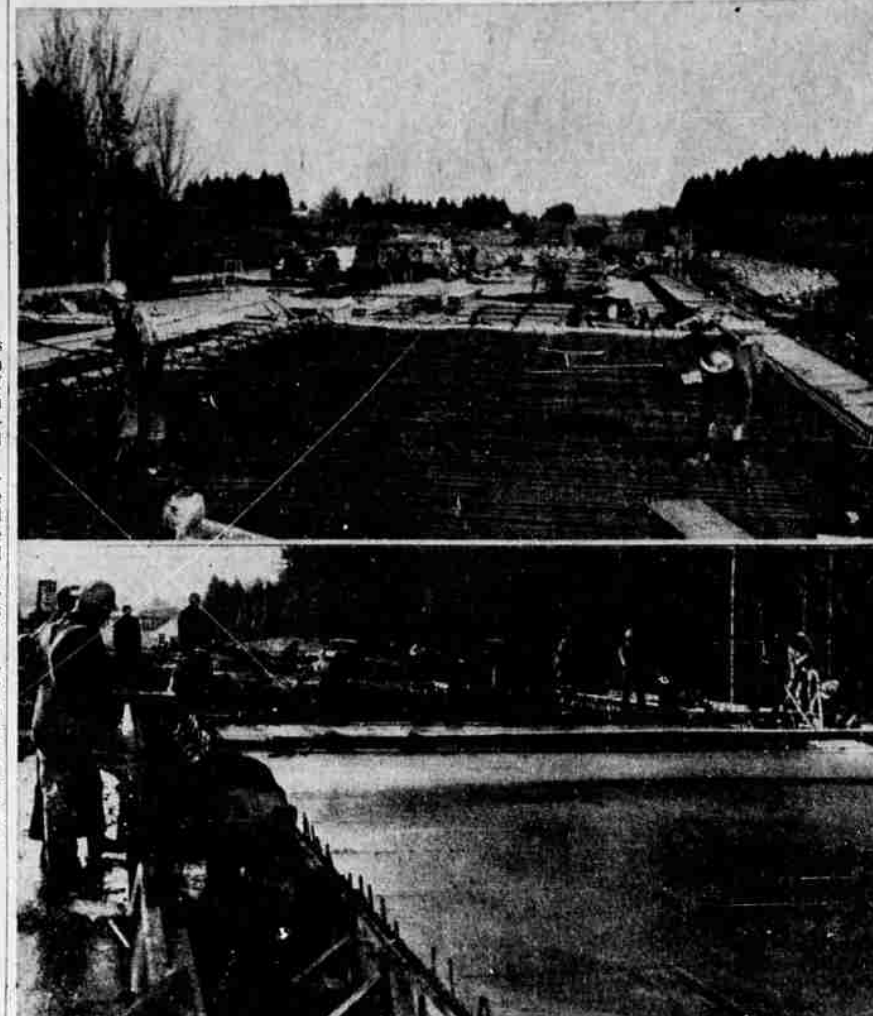
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WILSONVILLE BRIDGE NOW NEAR COMPLETION



Top: Iron workers lay reinforcing steel on the last incomplete section of Wilsonville bridge deck. Lower: Tuesday the crew shown in this picture finished pouring concrete for the south approach to the bridge. The entire deck of the structure laid and completed by March 15, if favorable weather prevails.

Tidelands Oil Case in Court

Washington (UP)—The first round in what may be a long legal fight over the legality of the tidelands oil act got under way today before the Supreme Court.

The court heard arguments by the states of Alabama and Rhode Island attacking the constitutionality of the new law passed by Congress last year after prolonged debate which gave the oil bearing off-shore lands to coastal states.

The court ordered the hearings to determine if the suit may be formally filed. This is a preliminary step for all suits in which the high court has original jurisdiction such as suits between states.

Defendants in the tidelands suit are four states which stand to collect oil royalties from the submerged lands, Texas, California, Louisiana and Florida.

Giant Carrier Plane Tested

LONG BEACH, Calif. (UP)—Douglas Aircraft Co. announced Wednesday that a giant troop carrying plane—a combination propeller and jet driven transport—has completed its maiden flight successfully.

The company said the plane, a development of the Douglas Globemaster, was taken up Tuesday by Frank Boyer, a company test pilot.

The 200-passenger air giant is powered by four turbo-prop engines. This engine is a gas turbine which spins a conventional propeller and also delivers some jet thrust. Douglas said the distribution of power is approximately 70 per cent propeller and 30 per cent jet.

John C. Buckwalter, chief engineer of the Long Beach Douglas division, said the plane, known as the YC-124B, has 60 per cent more horsepower than the conventional piston-powered Globemaster.

County May Be Asked To Vote Youth Center

The county court of Marion county will be asked to place a proposal on the May election ballot for a youth service center to be financed by a two-mill tax levy if the Salem Community Council adopts a recommendation voted Wednesday noon by its Recreation Council.

The council received the revised draft of the petition to the county court, which placed a ceiling of \$105,000 on the building itself, but which also provides funds for furnishing and for the first year's operation. The petition which may be voted on by the electorate also carries a half mill tax for the next five years for maintenance.

The county's valuation of approximately \$84,000,000 would provide \$168,000 for the initial cost plus a year's operation and \$42,000 a year for operation thereafter, Judge Joseph Felton estimated.

The Community Council will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room 203 of the temporary court house to receive and presumably to act on the petition to the county court.

House Votes to Create 30 New Federal Judges

WASHINGTON, UP — The House passed legislation today to provide 30 additional federal judges and give some old judges now serving a chance to retire immediately with full pay.

The measure was approved by voice vote. It is a compromise of differences between bills passed last year by House and Senate and must be approved by the Senate before going to the White House.

The House approved the measure after rejecting, on a standing vote of 118 to 43, a Democratic move to send it back to a Senate-House conference committee with instructions to knock out judges for Utah and Nevada. The motion was offered by Rep. Thomas J. Lane (D., Mass.) who said no additional judge is needed in Nevada and that the Utah judge is now sitting in Colorado because he "has no work in Utah."

Voluntary Retirement It would give President Eisenhower his first chance to appoint a large number of judges.

The legislation would seek to open up additional vacancies through voluntary retirement. It would allow retirement at 65 with full pay after 15 years' service. This would be in addition to the present law allowing retirement at 70 years after 10 years' service.

New judgeships would include: Permanent judges in Southern California and Idaho. Temporary judgeships in Nevada and Utah. The term temporary applies to the seat, and not to the judge who is appointed for life.

Two additional circuit court judges in the Ninth District embracing the West Coast, Hawaii and Alaska.

The additional judges for Utah and Nevada were voted originally by the Senate, and were not in the original House bill.

House Democratic Whip John W. McCormack of Massachusetts charged they were included in the compromise to "appease two certain distinguished but very contentious senators."

He presumably referred to Sens. Pat McCarran (D., Nev.) and Arthur W. Watkins (R., Utah) who as members of the Senate Judiciary Committee had a voice in the compromise.

Carrier to Cost \$182 Million

WASHINGTON (UP)—The third of the new 60,000-ton Forrestal-class carriers, designed to handle the biggest Navy planes in an atomic warfare age, will cost about \$182 million dollars and be built in the Virginia yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock.

The Navy made the announcement Tuesday, saying the contract with the company was for a fixed price of \$117,750,000. The remainder of the total cost will be for the equipment of the giant flat-top.

Cost of big carriers is going down as more are built. The 16-criillon is 36 million less than the cost of the first ship, the Forrestal, now being built and due for launching about June, 1955. The second big carrier, the Saratoga, on which work started last year, has an estimated cost of 212 million.

Stand Firm Against Any Loss of Treaty Power

Molotov Offers Plebiscite Plan For Germany

BERLIN (UP)—Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov proposed Wednesday that 60 million Germans choose in a general plebiscite between alliance with Western Europe and an immediate peace treaty.

The Russian fired his new broadside in the Big Four conference, apparently engaged in a running battle to ward off a united Germany tied to the West. Molotov left off the ninth day's session of the Berlin parley with a sharp attack on EDG and then unloaded his plebiscite plan.

French Foreign Minister Bidault, presiding for the day, voiced an immediate objection to the referendum plan, contending that free German elections as proposed by the West would take care of all that.

Vote One Issue Only What Molotov demanded was a nation-wide balloting on one issue only: Choose between the proposed Western treaties for European defense and a peace treaty.

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Strike it Rich Needs License

NEW YORK (UP)—The City Welfare Department ruled Wednesday the "Strike It Rich" radio-TV program constitutes a welfare agency and that it must have a license from the department to operate.

The department announcement indicated it would prefer to see the show go off the air altogether because the city finds it necessary to give relief aid to scores of needy people attracted to New York to appear as contestants on the program.

The department asked Walt Framer, the show's producer, to "consider the propriety of continuing to operate a welfare agency."

The program consists of a quiz show with cash prizes for contestants who tell of their needs. Additionally, offers of aid from listeners often are announced before the program ends.

The program appears on the NBC radio and CBS TV networks and is sponsored by Colgate-Palmolive-Peet.

The networks and the sponsor declined immediate comment on the Welfare Department ruling.

Maj. Peress Hits At McCarthy

NEW YORK (UP)—Maj. Irving Peress replies "sheer nonsense" to charges of Communist activities lodged by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

Peress, a dentist and reserve officer and a resident of Queens, said in a statement Tuesday night: "Sen. McCarthy's charges are sheer nonsense. Prior to my discharge I invited an inquiry by the Army concerning my activities as an officer. Apparently this was not considered necessary and I was awarded an honorable discharge for 'honest and faithful service.'"

McCarthy, chairman of the Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee, Tuesday made public a letter he had sent to Secretary of the Army Stevens in the case.

The letter said the subcommittee had uncovered "what appears to be very conclusive proof of Communist activities on the part of a major now on active duty at Camp Kilmer."

Green Light on Global Chain Atomic Bases

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Pentagon has a go-ahead to build a global chain of storage bases for atom bombs and initial approval to add three American cities to a network of guided missile air defenses.

The House Armed Services Committee gave final authorization Tuesday for the secret A-bomb bases abroad to cost about 11 million dollars. The Senate committee previously had approved the project.

The House group also added Norfolk, Va., Los Angeles and Boston to New York and Chicago as cities to get batteries of "Nike" for protection against air attacks.

The House group approved the A-bomb storage bases without discussion and without indicating in what countries the facilities would be placed.

Ike Ignorant On Russian Spy

WASHINGTON (UP)—President Eisenhower said today he has no information whether Soviet diplomat Yuri Rastvorov is in American custody, but that he assumed any important information on the case would be communicated to him.

Mr. Eisenhower's news conference remarks on the case surprised reporters inasmuch as Tokyo reports, unofficially confirmed here, have said that the Soviet diplomat is in American hands and is being questioned on Okinawa.

It was noted, however, that Mr. Eisenhower did not deny the reports that Rastvorov is in American custody.

Rastvorov could be this country's best source on Soviet intelligence since World War II.

It is conceivable that Rastvorov might have information on Russian espionage comparable to that given to Canadian authorities in 1945-46 by the former Soviet code clerk, Igor Gouzenko.

Blackout on Indochina War

SAIGON, Indochina (UP)—The French high command imposed a blackout Wednesday on information from Northern Laos, where a division of the Communist-led Vietminh is moving on the royal capital of Luang Prabang.

Last official reports before the clampdown said French forces screening the capital had pulled back along the Nam Hou River "according to plan" while French bombers and fighters pounded the advancing rebels.

Since Monday, the Vietminh have occupied the post of Muong Khom, 95 miles north of Luang Prabang.

Later reports said they were approaching Muong Nhoi, 60 miles north of the capital, which they may already have passed now.

The command, announced that "all measures have been taken to assure the defense of vital points in upper Laos."

Chaplain to Adopt Rosenberg Children

STOCKHOLM (UP)—The Communist newspaper Ny Dag reported Wednesday that Charlie Chaplain had expressed willingness to adopt the two children of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, atomic spies executed in the United States.

The source, who cannot be identified, said inside secrets from the "highly efficient agent" are helping crack the spy ring.

The diplomat, Yuri Alexanrovich Rastvorov, apparently fled in terror from the defunct Russian mission in Tokyo, the source said, he "set up a spy network that has already penetrated some of the highest levels of the Japanese government."

Rastvorov left out of fear for his life," the source said. "The claim of the Russian mission that he was kidnapped by the Americans is ridiculous."

To Maintain Power Balance In Government

WASHINGTON (UP)—President Eisenhower said Wednesday he believes the United States is going through a period of economic adjustment but he is confident everything will turn out all right.

A readjustment has always followed in the wake of a defense emergency, the President told a news conference.

His administration, he added, believes the prosperity of a country lies in the prosperity of its masses, not in the wealth of any small groups.

His statement followed an expression of opinion by Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey Tuesday that the country is undergoing a "rolling readjustment" which is nothing to be disturbed about.

Sticks by Decision In response to a question, Eisenhower said he is sticking by his decision that it will not be wise to try to raise the minimum wage of 75 cents an hour at this time of economic transition.

Ray Scherer of the National Broadcasting Co. asked for comment on what Scherer described as a feeling in some quarters that it is practically un-American to say there is a recession going on.

Eisenhower laughed and then said this is a free country and people are entitled to use whatever language they like.

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Reserve Board OKs Tax Policy

WASHINGTON (UP)—Federal Reserve Board Chairman William McChesney Martin Jr. Wednesday strongly backed the Eisenhower administration's tax policy putting benefits to business ahead of a proposed big new individual income tax cut.

Martin told the Senate-Economic Committee that many business plants and such equipment are now obsolete and business needs incentives to invest in new facilities and to develop new products.

Business tax cuts to meet these ends, he said, would do more to help offset a slight dip in the national economy than would a further big cut in income taxes paid by individuals.

House Group Favors Canal

WASHINGTON (UP)—The House Public Works Committee Wednesday approved a Senate-passed bill authorizing the United States to join with Canada in building the St. Lawrence Canal.

The measure, slightly amended from the form in which it passed the Senate on Jan. 20, now goes to the House Rules Committee. The latter group will decide if and when the bill is to be sent to the House for debate.

Approval by the 29-member public works committee was by a 23-6 vote.

The bill, as passed by the Senate, would authorize a St. Lawrence development Corp. to issue 105 million dollars in bonds to the U. S. Treasury to finance this ton.

The House committee amended the financing provision by providing that the corporation issue revenue bonds in the same amount to the Treasury. They would be amortized by imposition of tolls on ships using the 27-foot deep Atlantic to the Great Lakes waterway.

Russian Spy Reveals Secrets

TOKYO (UP)—A trustworthy American military source said today a Russian diplomat—a spy reported missing last week—is revealing secrets of a Red spy ring in Japan to U. S. intelligence agents on Okinawa.

The source, who cannot be identified, said inside secrets from the "highly efficient agent" are helping crack the spy ring.