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PARTLY CLOUDY, continued mild tonight and Saturday. Low tonight, 30; high Saturday, 52.

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More Federal Aid for Roads In Prospect

Baldock Reports Many Bills Boosting Federal Aid for Highways

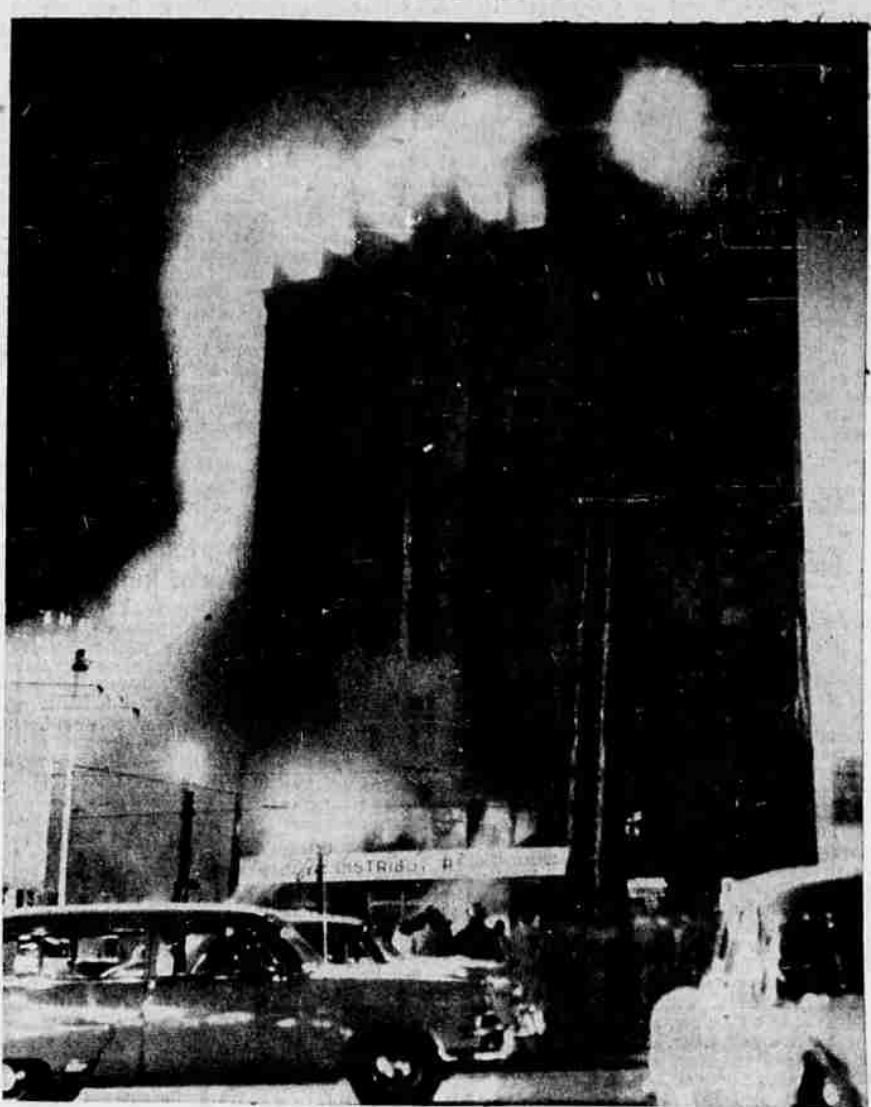
By JAMES D. OLSON Prospects for substantial increase in federal aid to states for construction and maintenance of primary and secondary roads are exceedingly bright according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, who returned Friday from Washington, D. C. Baldock said that there are a number of road bills introduced in Congress, all of them providing for increases from the present allocation of \$575 million to \$800 million to \$900 million. \$900 Million Suggested The American Association of Highway Officials, of which Baldock is an officer and for whom he appeared at a meeting of the sub-committee on roads of the house, has recommended an appropriation of \$900 million. Oregon receives \$8.6 million under the present federal-aid road bill and would be allocated an even \$12 million if the association recommendation is allowed. U. S. Takes \$1 1/2 Billion Baldock said that the federal government collects approximately \$900 million from the two-cent tax on gasoline and in addition imposes excise taxes on motor vehicles, tires and automobile accessories, which brings the federal taxes collected in the states from road users to approximately \$1 1/2 billion annually. "It is too early to predict just what particular bill will be finally considered and passed by Congress," Baldock said, "but I feel confident that the new road bill passed by the present congress will contain sufficient money to provide a substantial increase in federal aid for roads (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)

Charge Soviet Seeks Rhine As Frontier

U. S. Tells Molotov Of West's Reaction To Russian Plan

BERLIN (AP)—The United States, Britain and France Friday rejected Russia's plan for unifying Germany and charged Moscow with trying to extend its powers all the way to the Rhine. U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of Britain and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault exhausted 4,000 words more to notify the Kremlin that the idea of merging rival governments in divided Germany is not slick enough to fool anyone. Therefore, the Western ministers concluded, the Russian must be entirely without desire to unify the nation. Dulles took the lead in Friday's 11th session, denouncing the Russian plan as a mere grab for power west of Berlin. Araid of Germans Dulles said Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov had rejected a Western plan for unification of Germany through free elections because he is afraid the 18 million Germans in the Communist zone "would overwhelmingly reject" its present Red regime. "Mr. Molotov has good reason to be afraid," the American minister said. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 5)

WAREHOUSE BECOMES TORCH



Spectacular Portland Fire

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 5.—A quick-spreading fire shot from bottom to top of eight-story warehouse in downtown Portland just after peak of traffic rush last night. A two-hour traffic jam resulted, but firemen kept flames from spreading to other buildings. Damage was estimated at \$225,000. (AP Wirephoto.)

Leonard Rowan Files As Council Candidate

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 5.—Leonard Rowan, general manager of the Senator Hotel, said Friday that during the day or Saturday he would file as a candidate for alderman from Ward 3. The City Council post for that ward is now held by Clauf Jorgensen, who has held over an extra two years because of a tie vote in the 1952 election when his opponent was Clayton Jones. Jorgensen has continued to serve under a law providing an elective official shall continue in office until his successor is qualified and elected. At that time Salem had no legal provision for breaking a tie vote, so Jorgensen continued to serve. Recently the council has enacted an ordinance providing for breaking tie votes by casting lots. Since two years of the normal term will have passed when a new council takes office next January 1, the election for Ward 3 instead of a regular term of four years. Rowan has lived in Salem since 1935, and has lived in the ward for two years, and his home (Continued on Page 5, Col. 5)

Outline for Defense Plans

If Portland is attacked by an enemy, the Oregon Civil Defense Agency would set up an advance control center at Camp Withycombe, 12 miles southeast of Portland. State civil defense director Arthur M. Sheets, in making the announcement Thursday, said the advance center would be in a building at the National Guard headquarters. State CD headquarters are in Salem. "Purpose of an advance control center is to get closer to the disaster scene and reduce the lines of communication," Col. Sheets said. The advance control center will have radio and telephone communication with all county civil defense directors and state headquarters.

Power Failure Causes Blasts

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—An unexplained failure in a 11,000 volt power line early Friday touched off a series of explosions felt over a wide area of San Francisco. Ignited sewer gas spouted flames from scores of manholes from which the covers were blown high. Two special policemen, Jack Meehan, 37, and John Martinovich, 39, sent to investigate, were knocked down by a nearby blast. They were hospitalized with concussion. Pacific Gas & Electric Co. issued an emergency call for 100 workers. It said it might be hours before it knew the cause of the failure, which occurred at a substation. Windows were shattered by concussion. Some manhole covers were reported shattered into shrapnel.

To Vaccinate 250,000 Dogs

CHICAGO (AP)—Health and police department officials mapped plans Friday to enforce an order that all Chicago dogs—more than 250,000—be vaccinated against rabies. The city's worst mad-dog scare in nearly 20 years prompted city health authorities to request the order from the Illinois Department of Agriculture to force inoculation of all dogs, rather than just stray animals. Dog-catchers were ordered on a 24-hour-day basis instead of the present single eight hour shift as the number of persons bitten mounted to more than 60 a day this month. Health Department officials said this was twice the number reported in January after an anti-rabies quarantine was ordered for the city and part of Cook County. The order, which was broadened Thursday to include all of Cook County, requires owners of dogs to keep their animals confined or on leashes. The tribes include those of the confederated bands of Umpqua and Calapooias of the Umpqua Valley and of the Tillamook, Coquille, Toootonee, Chetco and Molallias.

Indians to Get \$2,640,000

WASHINGTON (AP)—A House Interior subcommittee approved payment of \$2,640,000 to Western Oregon Indians in settlement of a century-old land dispute Thursday. The U. S. Court of Claims authorized the payment in 1950, but legislation was needed to set up the method of payment. Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore) introduced the bill. It directs the secretary of interior to draw up rolls of the tribal descendants. The money would be divided among those listed on the rolls. The tribes include those of the confederated bands of Umpqua and Calapooias of the Umpqua Valley and of the Tillamook, Coquille, Toootonee, Chetco and Molallias.

4 Listed for Italy's Premier

ROME (AP)—President Luigi Einaudi studied Friday the names of four men who might pull Italy out of her government crisis. All Christian Democrats, the four are: Former Premier Alcide de Gasperi, whose eighth cabinet was defeated last summer. Former Premier Giuseppe Pella, who resigned Jan. 5 when his party failed to back him. Chamber of Deputies president and leftwing leader Giovanni Gronchi. Former Interior Minister Mario Scelba, a tough Sicilian who is enemy No. 1 for Italy's Communists. There seemed little chance that any of the four would muster enough support for Einaudi to call him to the premiership by this weekend, as had been expected. The strongest seemed to be the veteran De Gasperi.

Alcoa Ceases Air Pollution

PORTLAND (AP)—Fumes from the Aluminum Company of America's Vancouver, Wash., plant are no longer strong enough to harm livestock on nearby Sauvie Island, Oregon State College and Washington State College experiment station workers made that report Friday after more than two years of research. Since December, 1951, after Alcoa installed "scrubbers" to reduce the amount of escaping fluorine gas, the amount reaching Sauvie Island has been at a safe level, the report said. Sauvie Island is a rich farm area of 24 square miles nine miles northwest of Portland and across the Columbia River from the Alcoa plant. Farmers there have sued for—and won—court awards for past fluorine damage to livestock. F. E. Price, dean of agriculture at OSC and coordinator of the research project, told farmers and Alcoa representatives meeting here of his findings. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3)

Engineer Dies In B&O Wreck

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP)—The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad's St. Louis-New York Flyer, the National Limited, sideswiped a freight train five miles south of Wilmington Friday, derailling 10 of the 13 passenger cars. A B&O spokesman in Baltimore said the engineer of the Shutter freight train, W. A. Jackson, of Philadelphia, was killed and six train crewmen were hurt, but no passengers were injured. All the cars of the passenger train remained upright. A fire that followed the crash in the diesel engine of the National Limited was extinguished quickly. Passengers from the wrecked train were transferred to the Capital Limited which reached the scene a little more than an hour later.

Farmer Blocks Road Paving

SHERWOOD (AP)—A farmer dissatisfied with having no access of a new highway between Portland and Salem is holding back property needed for the roadway. Paul McFarland owns a 300-foot section of the new Wilsonville expressway. He sold it to the state once for \$859, but got a court order for return of the property when he learned he would have to drive 2 1/2 miles to get on the road. He returned the \$859 to the state. McFarland says he now wants \$2,400 because of the lack of access. Attorneys for the state said that was too much, and indicated condemnation proceedings might be started. The 30-foot section has been graded, but McFarland posted "no trespassing" signs to prevent paving the route there.

Weather Details Maximum yesterday, 49; minimum today, 38. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0 for month; 0. normal, 32. Season precipitation, 24.5; normal, 24.9. River height, 28 feet. Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.

Wife Weeps Telling of Children

House Group Approves Hike In Postal Rates

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Post Office Committee Friday approved a 245-million dollar boost in postal rates. It calls for an increase of one cent for air mail letters and a 30 per cent rise in mailing costs on newspapers and magazines, along with a one-cent rise on non-local first class letters. The bill, embodying most of the requests made by Postmaster General Summerfield in an attack on the department's red ink operations, and backed by President Eisenhower, now goes to the House. The committee completed action on the controversial bill to an accompaniment of some Republican grumbling over the administration push to pass rate legislation this year. Most Classes Affected Increases in most classes of rates except parcel post were voted by the committee Friday on the heels of the approval Thursday of a hike of one cent on first-class letters other than local delivery. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 6)

Coffee Lands Protest Drive To Cut Prices

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Latin American coffee-producing countries made an open bid early Friday for United States government support against what they called a campaign in this country to combat high prices by drinking less coffee. A few hours later a Senate banking subcommittee made a start on a broad investigation of the soaring prices by naming the coffee trade leaders it will question at an initial hearing Monday. The committee investigation is aimed particularly at finding out how much increased speculation has had to do with pushing prices above a dollar a pound and to 15 cents a cup. The producing nations contend that the basic factors are increased consumption of the brew and poor crops. That was the theme of resolutions adopted by the Inter-American Coffee Commission.

Money Demand Based on Past Expenditures

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Mrs. James Roosevelt wept Friday at a temporary support hearing when she recalled on the witness stand how her three children were denied a second week of vacation last summer because of the couple's separation. Unsmiling, she had testified that her \$3,500-a-month demand is "estimated on the manner in which we have lived for the past 12 years." The weeping came when Roosevelt's attorney, Samuel B. Picone, asked her about the couple's vacations with their children last summer. She said the children had been with them during one week of vacation and had been promised another week in August. That was the month they separated. Pleads for Alimony Wearing a gray silk suit, the 38-year-old ex-nurse took the stand at a jam-packed court hearing on her plea for temporary alimony and support for their three children. The support will be paid pending trial of separate maintenance suits filed against each other by her and the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt's eldest son—a legal battle spiced by her charges of adultery. James, 46, pushed through a hallway and courtroom crush smiling, accompanied by his attorney and his brother, Elliott. Mrs. Roosevelt, solemn-faced, entered by a rear door. Explaining her estimate of her husband's fortune at two million dollars, she testified: (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4)

Beeson Agrees To Lose Pension

WASHINGTON (AP)—Albert C. Beeson told senators Friday he would give up pension rights from his former employer if that "will make the Democrats happier" and still their questioning of his nomination to the National Labor Relations Board. Paul Davies, president of the Food Machinery & Chemical Corp., San Jose, Calif., had just testified to the Senate Labor Committee that Beeson had been given a one-year leave of absence to take the NLRB post. Beeson has been vice president of the firm, in charge of labor relations, for the last seven years. While on leave of absence, Davies said, Beeson retains full rights to the pension fund accumulated by his account during his seven years. Questions have been raised by some senators as to whether Beeson's leave of absence status and his retention of full pension rights creates a "conflict of interest" that could make him unfit for the job on the NLRB, to which he was named Jan. 7 by President Eisenhower.

Sinking Ship's Crew Rescued

MANILA (AP)—The Panamanian freighter Liberal radioed Friday that it had picked up two boatloads of crewmen from the British motorship Fernmore, which ripped open its bottom on a reef in the South China Sea. The U.S. Navy base at Sangley Point near here said the Liberal reported that other members of the Fernmore's crew were standing up by the sinking ship. The Japanese freighter Eisho Maru also was reported standing by. The Fernmore struck a reef near Palawan Island in the southwestern Philippines. The number of crewmen picked up by the Liberal was not reported but it was believed about 40 were aboard the Fernmore. An earlier message picked up at Sangley Point said the ship was low in the water and the crew was in four lifeboats tied alongside.

See Recession Ended in Month

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Labor Department told Congress Friday that employment service offices across the country are "cautiously optimistic" that the downturn of employment may be checked by mid-March and will be less severe than in the 1949 recession. Robert C. Goodwin, director of the Bureau of Employment Security, testified before the Senate-House Economic Committee that a "fairly rapid expansion" of business is "entirely possible" in the second half of this year. Goodwin reported that his agency is basing its budget on the assumption that unemployment in first-half 1954 will average 2,600,000. This compared with a January estimate that 2,359,000 were without work, and his figures carried the implication the bureau expects more than the 2,600,000 to be out of jobs in part of the 1954 period.

Surplus Food For Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP)—A government official says surplus commodity food will be shipped into Dunklin County to relieve about 3,000 persons there who are without food and funds. Floyd H. Tuchscher of Chicago, assistant area field supervisor for the Department of Agriculture, says the food items should start moving into the southeast Missouri county the first part of next week. County Judge C. M. Bureham appealed for the government aid after reporting the earnings by farm laborers, but sharply by last year's drought, have been running out over the past several weeks.

Bitter Fighting In Indochina

HANOI, Indo-China (UP)—Bitter fighting was reported along a 40-mile defense arc north of Luang Prabang today as a thin line of French Union troops sought to halt a Communist drive to take the city. Red vanguards sweeping south in three columns were an estimated three days march from the old Laotian capital. The French defense line was lightly manned and strung over steep, jungle clad mountains. It ran from Muong Sai in the west across to Bannamhae in the Namhou Valley, and east to Ban Mombang in the Nam Senh Valley in an arc 45 to 50 miles north of Luang Prabang. Military sources were hopeful the 12,000 troops of the crack Red 308th Division would have to halt for supplies before continuing their southward drive. The division's supply lines already were strung out dangerously and were open to attack by Loyalist guerrillas.

Ask Mexicans Be Imported

WASHINGTON (UP)—Vegetable crops may rot in California fields unless Congress acts swiftly to assure a supply of Mexican farm laborers, Rep. John Phillips (R-Calif.) said today. He asked the House Agriculture Committee for immediate action on a resolution authorizing the Labor Department to import Mexican labor for southwestern farms and ranches. "The destruction of food might begin sometime next week," Phillips told the committee. He was joined in his plea by two other California Republican congressmen, Robert L. Wilson and Leroy Johnson. Answering a question from Rep. E. C. Gathings (D-Ark.), Johnson said failure to provide Mexican laborers would lead to a scarcity of southwestern vegetable and fruit crops and higher prices for consumers all across the country.

Anxiety Increases Over Pope's Serious Illness

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Pius' difficulty in taking food has continued to weaken him, said the first official bulletin issued on his condition Friday by his private physician. The bulletin, issued by Prof. Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi, said it is hoped "as soon as possible to repeat particular X-ray examinations to determine the condition both of the pope's gastric area as well as of other organs in that area." The bulletin said previous X-ray examinations had shown the pope's gastric area and organs in that area to be normal. It did not say, however, when these examinations had been made. The official bulletin was preceded by a brief announcement that it was made in reply to anxious queries from many authorities and members of the Roman Catholic Church from all parts of the world. The Pontiff has now been ill for more than 10 days. Scanty, occasional communications have persistently maintained that he continues to improve. But anxiety for his health increased today when even this assurance, for the time being, was lacking. The pope's private physician, Prof. Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi, spent more time than usual at the pope's bedside today, contributing to increased worry. The doctor's office said he had telephoned he would not be able to get in to his office later this morning, as he usually does after visiting the Vatican. The Vatican press office has described the pope's ailment as malfunctioning of the neuro-digestive tract. This has resulted in intermittent hiccups that have from time to time disturbed his sleep and, in general, weakened him. Yesterday the Vatican press office announced that the pope was continuing to improve. It added that he had spent a restful night.

Illness Delays Bramblett Case

WASHINGTON (AP)—The trial of Rep. Bramblett (R-Calif.) Friday was recessed until Monday because of the illness of John M. Hardaway, a government witness. U. S. District Judge Walter M. Bastian announced that Hardaway had suffered an attack of flu during the night. Hardaway, of Santa Barbara, Calif., testified for the government Thursday that Bramblett told him by telephone from Washington Dec. 31, 1952, "Don't worry, I can fix it." That, Hardaway said, was the day after FBI agents had questioned him and his wife about her status on Bramblett's payroll.

Mild Weather For Few Days

Mild weather is due to continue possibly through next Wednesday, says the five-day forecast from the weather bureau. Cloudy skies made some wonder, Friday, however, if there were any rain in sight, but the forecast mentions a drop. The outlook calls for some fog at nights but sunny days during the period. Another low minimum temperature was recorded in Salem Friday morning, 28 degrees, the fifth straight day with a minimum below freezing. The Willamette river has dropped considerably during the week, measuring 9.6 feet at Salem Friday morning.

250 Cops Keep Peace on Docks

JERSEY CITY, N. J. (AP)—A 250-man police detail kept two warring waterfront factions at bay Friday as a partial work stoppage hit the docks. Police on foot, horseback and motorcycle, alerted because of a minor skirmish on Piers D and F Thursday, held back hundreds of milling, shouting longshoremen on hand for an 8 a.m. shakeup. The dock hands are members of two dock unions, the old International Longshoremen's Assn., and the newly organized AFL-ILA. The old union was ousted from the AFL recently as gangster-dominated. Police said trouble started when Nick Maschucci, acting president of Local 1247, I.L.A., objected to the hiring of AFL members to work Piers F and D. Workers for both piers usually are hired on Pier F.

Hvasta Flying Back Toward United States

LONDON (AP)—Smiling happily, John Hvasta flew into London Friday night and seemed to enjoy playing cat and mouse with airport reporters with the same dexterity he used to evade Czech police after his dramatic escape from a Communist prison two years ago. The 26-year-old, Czech-born naturalized American looked slim and good-looking — but otherwise in good physical shape — as he arrived here bound for the United States on the last leg of his storybook flight to freedom. Three Scotland Yard policemen made sure the young American got the privacy he wanted as he stepped off a plane from Zurich. Hurrying to the immigration office, Hvasta did call out: "I'm not saying anything until I reach America. At the moment I don't want to say anything to anyone." He then disappeared into a top-floor office of the airport depart-