

THE WEATHER

MOSTLY CLOUDY with rain and gusty wind tonight. Saturday, slightly warmer. Low tonight, 42; high Saturday, 50.

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Inheritance Tax Revenues Show Increase

Unander Reorganization Brings Tax Payments From Evaders

By JAMES O. OLSON Through reorganization of both the office and field staffs of the inheritance tax division of the State Treasurer's office by State Treasurer Sig Unander, inheritance tax collections during the 1953-55 biennium are expected to reach \$6,500,000 and possibly a top of \$7 million, far in excess of the anticipated revenue from this source set at the beginning of the biennium at \$4,465,000.

Treasurer Unander said Friday that for a long period only Multnomah county and some of the larger Oregon cities were properly and completely investigated, leaving a large section of the state untouched by inspection of county records, the principal sources uncovering transfers of property which had escaped taxation. In these areas, the inheritance division was dependent completely on the reported taxable assets as furnished by the office.

Senate to Pass Air Academy Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators considering legislation to create an Air Force academy Friday exacted three commitments from Secretary of the Air Force Talbot, and indicated readiness to approve the measure. It has already passed the House.

Oregon Coast Road Closed

The Oregon Coast Highway was closed Friday, for the third time this winter, by a slide at Jetty Creek, north of Rockaway in Tillamook County.

Rain and Wind To Be Expected

The wind and rain were back in good measure for Salem and valley areas, Friday, and from the five-day forecast it looks as if this section will slosh around for a few more days.

Italian Senate Opens Debate Scelba's Plan

2500 Police Stand Guard Against Communist Riots

ROME (AP)—A divided and angry senate opened debate Friday on Premier Mario Scelba's pro-western program. A heavily armed 2,500-man police force stood guard against possible communist agitation.

Bill to Hike Tax Exemptions

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. George (D-Ga.) introduced a bill Friday to raise the individual income tax exemption from \$600 to \$800 this year and to \$1,000 in succeeding years. He described it as a move to ward off a serious economic downturn.

Sex Slayer Dies In Gas Chamber

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP)—Henry Ford McCracken, convicted of the sex-murder of a 10-year-old girl near Santa Ana, was executed Friday for the crime.

Airport Light Panel Now in Operation

The new light panel for Salem airport, installed in the Weather Bureau offices, is now in operation.

Appeals Court Cancels Pelton Dam License

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The Federal Power Commission invaded the sovereign rights of the state of Oregon in granting Portland General Electric Co. a license to build Pelton dam on the Deschutes river, the Ninth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled late yesterday.

GET TOGETHER AT CONFERENCE



WASHINGTON, Feb. 18—Gen. Dan Thornton of Colorado, left; Gov. Paul Patterson of Oregon, right, and Capt. W. L. Groth of the Virginia state police headquarters at Richmond got together yesterday at a session of the White House conference on highway safety. Thornton is chairman and Groth is secretary of the public officials section of the conference. (AP Wirephoto.)

Imlah Not at All Interested

Donald Dwaine Imlah, 19-year-old Hood River slayer, wasn't interested Friday when Warden Clarence T. Gladden told him that Imlah's attorney had appealed Imlah's death sentence to the State Supreme Court.

Asks 26 Weeks Jobless Pay

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Labor Mitchell said Friday he has written all governors urging that the effectiveness of their state unemployment insurance systems be strengthened.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 46; minimum today, 40. Total 24-hour precipitation, 2.7; for month, 4.3; normal, 3.6. Season precipitation, 51; normal, 37.56. River height, 2.2 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

Black Gold Rush Starts in Nevada

RENO (AP)—A new gold rush was on in Nevada today, but the race this time was for black gold, something new in the state that has produced billions of dollars worth of gold and silver.

Ike Appoints Group to Reduce Auto Death Toll

WASHINGTON (AP)—A newly created President's Action Committee for Highway Safety Friday assumed the guidance of a nationwide campaign to reduce the automobile death toll.

Republicans Now Rule NLRB

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republicans took command of the National Labor Relations Board today for the first time in its 18-year history after the senate approved a GOP appointee over nearly solid Democratic opposition.

Lost Paradise In Crystal Cave

CRYSTAL CAVE, Ky. (AP)—A "lost paradise" of jaded coral canyons was discovered Friday in the previously unknown recesses of Crystal Cave.

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Reds to Choose Punishment

DETROIT (AP)—Six Michigan Communists, convicted of conspiracy against the government Friday were given the choice of prison sentences ranging from four to five years, or going to Russia.

3 Arrested on Check Charges

EUGENE (AP)—State police arrested three men driving through Albany and Salem Thursday night after Eugene and Albany merchants had reported receiving several bad checks.

Bribery Tales Stir Japanese

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's press Saturday bannered a reported bribery scandal involving top government officials and declared it might topple Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida's cabinet.

ILA Refuses to Join With AFL

NEW YORK (AP)—George A. Brenner, counsel for the International Longshoremen's Assn. say ILA delegates from 20 Atlantic and Gulf Coast ports have rejected a bid to join the AFL.

South Korea Calls 'Big 4' Meet Victory for Soviets

WASHINGTON (AP)—Maj. Roy Bley testified Friday he was "mentally and physically broken" by his Communist captors in Korea when he signed a false confession to engaging in germ warfare operations.

Bley, 40, appeared at his own request as a witness in the Marine Corps court of inquiry which is determining whether his fellow officer, Col. Frank H. Schwable, should face a court martial for a similar false confession.

South Korea Slams Big 4

SEOUL (AP)—South Korea tonight angrily denounced the Big Four agreement to hold a Korean peace conference in Geneva and declared it "cannot give anyone a blank check" to write a peace treaty.

Ike Enjoys Vacation And May Extend It

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP)—President Eisenhower is enjoying his vacation so much he may prolong it.

Confessions of Germ Warfare Due to Torture

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Indian Guards Board Ship Unmolested

INCHON (UP)—An Indian advance party boarded the transport Jalagopal without incident today, but in nearby Seoul former war prisoners angrily demanded the arrest of the "Indian intruders."

Mao Tze-Tung Probably Ill

HONG KONG (AP)—Mao Tze-Tung may be gravely ill. The absence of the 66-year-old Chinese Communist leader from an extremely important meeting of his party central committee in Peking has raised speculation here about Mao's health.

See U.S. Move On Recognition Of Red China

WASHINGTON (AP)—South Korea's ambassador, You Chan Yang protested Friday that the Berlin conference represents "a diplomatic victory by the Soviets."

France Facing Delay in Pact

PARIS (AP)—The Berlin conference's promise of Indo-China peace talks posed a new obstacle today to speedy French action on the hotly disputed European army treaty.

Austrian Papers In Mourning

VIENNA, Austria (AP)—Austrian non-Communist newspapers were bordered in black Friday and carried bitter denunciations of Moscow's refusal to give this country independence free of foreign occupation.