

THE WEATHER

CONTINUED FAIR tonight, Thursday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 30; high Thursday, 60.

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Use of Cons in Harvest Work Held Illegal

Thornton Investigation Reveals Some Violations, No Penalties

By JAMES D. OLSON Use of Oregon convicts in share-cropping with private land owners, a practice that has long been in vogue in this state, is illegal, Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton declared Wednesday. Thornton's declaration came in a report on an investigation made of reports of illegal use of convict labor, an inquiry which he stated required 33 days of field investigation and interview of 155 persons. No Penalties in Law Although Thornton said the investigation disclosed some violations of the statutes, no penalties are attached to the laws allegedly broken, and therefore no prosecution could be instituted. Thornton pointed out that the evidence gathered was largely hearsay but the investigation disclosed: "1. There were several instances prior to February, 1952 where so-called woodcutting operations by convicts appeared to have included a substantial amount of land clearing. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4)

Puerto Ricans Indicted for Pistol Attack

Fanatics Held on 10 Charges Each for Shooting up Congress

WASHINGTON (AP)—Four Puerto Rican fanatics were indicted Wednesday on 10 charges each for Monday's wild pistol attack upon the House of Representatives. The four Puerto Ricans were charged with assault with intent to kill the five House members who were wounded, and also with assault with a dangerous weapon. A federal grand jury, which heard six witnesses earlier in the day, returned the indictment before U. S. District Judge James W. Morris shortly after 2 p. m. Presentation of the case had taken the prosecutors only an hour and 45 minutes. U. S. attorney Leo A. Rover and his assistant, John Conliff, thus made short work of telling the grand jury about the outbreak that left five congressmen wounded, one of them seriously. Arraigned on Friday Rover said the four Puerto Ricans will be arraigned Friday. At that time they will be called upon to enter pleas of innocent or guilty. Those indicted were the woman leader, Lolita Lebron, 34, and three men—Rafael Cancel Miranda, Andres Figueroa Cordero and Irving Flores Rodriguez. All gave New York addresses. Rep. Shafer (R-Mich) was listed as a principal witness. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 5)

PRESIDENT FACES NEWSMEN



WASHINGTON, March 3—President Eisenhower faces reporters and photographers at his news conference today, just before the start of the question-and-answer session. (AP Wire-photo)

Ike Hits at McCarthy for Disregard of Fair Play

Rejection of Bricker's Bill Pleasing to Ike

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower expressed pleasure Wednesday that the Senate had rejected a constitutional amendment to curb treaty powers. Last Friday night the Senate voted down 60-31 a constitutional amendment proposed by Sen. George (D-Ohio) as a substitute for an already dead plan by Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio) to curb the President's power to make international pacts. The vote was just barely enough to defeat the George plan. Now, the President said Wednesday, it will be possible to devote full attention to carrying out the administration's program to build a stronger America. Taxes Up to Humphrey On other points, Eisenhower: 1. Refused to take a personal position on the tax issue—specifically whether he favors a ceiling of 10 per cent on excise (sales) levies. He said Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey had issued a statement on those matters and suggested that newsmen study it. Humphrey's statement opposed sweeping reductions now in excises. 2. Declared he is not ready to say whether he favors outlawing the Communist Party in the United States. He ordered a study of that matter shortly after taking office. The President said, and the lawyers apparently disagree as to whether such a step would be constitutional. 3. Emphasized again that he never has used the word subversive in discussing the 2,200 persons he said had been separated from federal jobs in his security program. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 8)

Churchill's Big Budget Wins In Commons

LONDON (AP)—The House of Commons approved Britain's record peacetime defense budget last night 295 - 270. Prime Minister Churchill had asked its approval without a vote but the Labor opposition forced a ballot. The budget, pointed toward a "new look" buildup of British air and atomic strength as a deterrent to war, provides for the spending of 1,639,000,000 pounds (\$4,591,720,000) in the fiscal year starting April 1. It tops the announced outlay for the current year by 2,400,000 pounds. Churchill asked in debate last night that the House accept the budget without a vote to keep the defense question out of "the rough of party bickering." He said "any weakness or disunity in Britain, when she is known to be working for peace, would weaken her strength out of all proportion to the money saved."

Admits Army Made Error in Peress Case

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower Wednesday hit out at "disregard for standards of fair play" in congressional investigations. But he acknowledged the Army made "serious errors" in the case of an Army major whose honorable discharge aroused the ire of Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis). The President said in a news conference statement that the Army was "correcting the procedures" to avoid such mistakes in the future, but declared: "In opposing communism, we are defeating ourselves if either by design or through carelessness, we use methods that do not conform to the American sense of justice and fair play." McCarthy Fires Back McCarthy fired back in a statement of his own: "It is important to remember that this silly tempest in a teapot arose because we dared to bring to light the cold, unpleasant facts about a fifth amendment Communist Army officer who was promoted, given special immunity from duty outside the United States, and finally given an honorable discharge with the full knowledge of all concerned that he was a member of the Communist Party. "It now appears that for some reason he was a sacred cow of certain Army brass." (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4)

Chicago Given Blanket of Snow

(By The Associated Press) A blustery storm spread a belt of deep snow from St. Louis to the Great Lakes Wednesday and left Chicago buried under a paralyzing 12-inch blanket. The storm, worst in Chicago in 15 years, left hundreds of cars stalled on the city's lake front drives and side streets and blocked main highways south of the city. Snow plows worked throughout the night to rescue cars abandoned by motorists and get boulevards cleared for the morning rush hour. The storm spread eastward and the U. S. Weather Bureau in Chicago issued a special warning of heavy snow for lower Michigan. Arctic air chilled the Northern and Central Rockies, the Great Plains, the extreme upper Mississippi Valley and the Northern Great Lakes region. The colder air was spreading eastward into the Midwest. Laramie, Wyo., reported -16 degrees; Cheyenne, Wyo., -10; Minot, N. D., -9 and Dickinson, N. D., -7. Sub-zero temperatures also were reported in Colorado, Montana and Nebraska. Several schools in the Pueblo, Colo., area, were closed Tuesday by heavy snow drifts that blocked side roads. Snow was 18 inches deep in the Beulah and Rye Mountain areas southwest of Pueblo. Mild weather prevailed in the Atlantic States, along the Gulf Coast and west of the Rockies.

NLRB to Ban Union Raiding

WASHINGTON (AP)—The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) has established new ground rules for labor unions trying to invade territory traditionally represented by rival unions. The new policy announced Wednesday by the NLRB fails to go as far as either the AFL or CIO would like, but it does seem to aim at more peaceful solution of some union conflicts. Both the AFL and CIO have been trying to solve their own squabbles through an as yet unratified "no raiding" agreement and contemplated arbitration machinery for fights between unions within the AFL itself. It appeared that the NLRB's new rules and the pending AFL and CIO peace plans shot generally at the same target—fencing unions into their traditional organizing areas and trying to stem them from pirating members from each other. The Anchorage Daily News started a fund raising campaign and reported Anchorage residents so far had contributed \$700. Delivery of emergency food supplies is handicapped by lack of communications and the widely scattered locations of the villages. Cecil Davis, San Francisco, Pacific Area director of disaster services of the Red Cross was expected to arrive in Anchorage today to coordinate relief efforts with Harold Pomeroy, territorial civil defense director.

Hotel Robbery Laid to Soldiers

PORTLAND (UP)—Two Fort Lewis soldiers were arrested at nearby Vancouver, Wash., today as suspects in the earlier robbery of a downtown Portland hotel where the night clerk was stabbed with a pocket knife. Billy Gene Wick, 23, and Allen Herman Lucas, 24, were returned here and booked on charges of assault and robbery while armed, with bail for each set at \$5,000. Detectives said they admitted being in the Edison hotel at the time of the robbery, but denied they committed it. Night Clerk Paul D. Sims, 41, was taken to Good Samaritan hospital for examination of the knife wound below his left chest. He said he was stabbed when two men he was escorting to a fourth-floor room suddenly began beating him. They fled down the stairs and apparently took \$61 from a cash drawer as they left. A tip by a Portland cash driver led to the arrest of the two GIs at Vancouver.

Downtown Merchants Launch Special Events

Salem Downtown Merchants Association, as a Spring Festival feature, will Friday night launch a program that carries with it the distribution of thousands of dollars worth of prizes and the selection of a "Miss Downtown Salem" from a field of 25 candidates. For five successive weeks, starting Friday night of this week, there will be a colorful and cheery program, to be climaxed Saturday night, April 9, by the selection of the ruling and very fortunate young lady—fortunate, because the grand payoff will give her a complete wardrobe and many other valuable prizes. If you want to speculate on whom she may be, it is announced that all of the five contestants each Friday night for five weeks will be from the Oregon State Employees Association. The contest each Friday night will be in the form of a quiz program, with representatives of the three Salem radio stations as the quizzers and the girls as the quizees. The program will be at 9 o'clock on High Street in front of the Courthouse. The winner each night, five in all, will compete in the grand final at which she will receive prizes amounting to \$2000 or \$3000, including complete wardrobe and accessories, jewelry, household goods, etc., in addition to the prizes received in the preliminary contests. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 6)

Youth Party in Denmark Fails

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)—Denmark's newest political faction—the National Youth Party—made its election debut yesterday in nationwide balloting for local officials. Its platform: "Investigations like those carried out by Mr. McCarthy in the United States." Its total vote: 115. The Social Democrats Socialists, which have the largest bloc in Parliament and control the government, were the big winners yesterday though the local voting has no bearing on the national Parliament or government. The Socialists gained 57 seats and now hold council majorities in 61 of the nation's 104 towns and metropolitan Copenhagen boroughs. The big losers were the Single Tax party, who retained only 5 of the 45 council seats they won in the 1950 elections, and the Communists, who won places on only 16 councils.

Boeing's Giant Jet a Challenge

SEATTLE (AP)—A jet-propelled challenge to British and American jetliners—a 350-mile-an-hour aerial giant—has been taken from under its veil of secrecy by the Boeing Airplane Co. The 95-ton swept-wing, four-jet airplane was shown yesterday as it neared completion in the sprawling plant of the company which also builds the Air Force's B47 and B52 jet bombers. It was know-how gained in building the bombers that made it possible for Boeing to be so near completion of the prototype of what it hopes will be the world's commercial carrier of the future, said William M. Allen, president of the company. But, he stressed, the 15 to 16 million dollars spent in developing the 707—trade name for the airliner—came from Boeing's coffers and was a gamble made in the interest of "our own national welfare, both military and commercial."

Naguib Seeks Only Harmony

CAIRO (UP)—Mohammed Naguib said today he bears "no concern" toward the men who maneuvered him out of the Egyptian presidency temporarily last week. "I freely forgive everybody," Naguib said. "My mission is a peaceful one," the President said. "I don't care a jot for myself. All I'm interested in is Egypt's good." Naguib said he was "very afraid of trouble" last Saturday when agitation by cavalry officers restored him to the presidency only two days after the ruling council announced he had quit because he wanted too much power. Nominal Authority (An official spokesman for the Egyptian government said yesterday that Naguib would exercise only nominal authority and not supreme power in his return to the presidency).

CSS Director Kiddle Resigns

PORTLAND (AP)—Clyde L. Kiddle announced Wednesday his retirement as regional director of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's commodity stabilization service, formerly the Commodity Credit Corp. Kiddle, 62, a Democrat, had held the position since July 1946. He joined the Agriculture Department in 1938 with the federal crop insurance setup. He was a state senator in the 1937 Oregon Legislature from Union County where he was a rancher, merchant and grain miller. His retirement is effective March 31.

Oregon Water Group Meets

MEDFORD (AP)—State Sen. Ben Day of Cold Hill told the governor's Water Resources Committee Tuesday that a permanent water resources commission should be established for the state. County Judge Raymond Lathrop of Grants Pass also urged a permanent commission. They were among spokesmen for civic groups, wild life clubs, soil conservation districts and irrigation and logging interests who submitted statements to the committee. The water commission suggestion has been made at almost all the committee's previous hearings held in other sections of Oregon last month. Other recommendations made Tuesday included: Regulation of stream flow by small reservoirs; more emphasis on fish conservation; more frequent reseeding of federal lands to prevent erosion; re-examination every five years of existing water rights; and state aid in financing small water conservation programs.

Vote to Curb NLRB Power

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Labor Committee voted Wednesday to strip the National Labor Relations Board of its authority to try unfair labor practice cases. Rep. Holt (R-Calif.) said the committee vote, interpreted as a reversal for President Eisenhower, was 14-13 and criss-crossed party lines. The proposal, one of four which the committee had before it, would abolish the NLRB as a quasi-judicial agency and establish it as strictly an administrative body. It would continue to handle matters concerning representation, including collective bargaining elections. However, all unfair labor practice cases would be referred to federal courts, with the complainant having the alternative of presenting his own case or having it presented for him by the government through the district attorney. REDS TO BE AT GENEVA TOKYO (AP)—Communist China and North Korea announced Wednesday night they each will send representatives to the April 26 Geneva conference on Korea and Indochina. Weather Details Maximum yesterday, 37; minimum today, 30. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0; for month: 0; normal, 46. Season precipitation, 35.36; normal, 20.75. River height, 2.2 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

Senate Group For Wool Doles

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Agriculture Committee approved Wednesday the Eisenhower administration's proposal for production payments to domestic wool producers. The legislation now goes to the Senate where it may touch off a scrap. Sen. Welker (R-Idaho) said wool growers in his state are opposed. Instead of the present system of piling up domestic wool under government price support loans, the new program would encourage wool growers to sell at market prices and then collect a production payment to make up any difference below support levels. Import duties on foreign wool, which has met most consumption needs in recent years, would be used to make the production payments. Senate Favors Support Loans WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Aiken (R-Vt.) forecast Wednesday that the Senate will vote to boost by 1 1/2 billion dollars the Commodity Credit Corporation's authority to guarantee farm price support loans "because we have very little, if any, choice." Aiken, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said this in an interview with Sen. Knowland of California, the Republican Senate leader, called up a bill to increase CCC lending authority to the 3 1/2 billion dollar level asked by the Eisenhower administration. The House Rules Committee cleared a similar bill Tuesday for early consideration in the House. CCC is the Agriculture Department agency that carries out the government's price support operations.

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Russia Ships Gold to Britain

LONDON (UP)—A new wave of Soviet gold shipments in sizeable amounts was reported in European capitals today. Soviet gold shipped from behind the Iron Curtain to Europe before Christmas totaled an estimated 200 million dollars. More Russian gold is now reaching Britain, France and Switzerland, sources said. There was no reliable estimate of the amount of the latest shipments but it was believed to be sizeable. The new shipments indicate Moscow is acquiring foreign currency for a large-scale purchasing program in Europe.

Milk Imports To Lower Prices

PORTLAND (AP)—Milk prices might be forced down by imports of milk from outside Oregon, Thomas L. Ohlsen said at a State Board of Agriculture hearing Tuesday. Ohlsen, economist for the board, said there was nothing to prevent distributors from shipping in lower priced milk from Washington or Idaho. Should this threat arise, the board might attempt to adjust prices to meet the competition, he said. Plans for reducing the prices of cream and offsetting this by increasing the distributors' margin on milk also were discussed. Ivan Osterman of Salem testified that "distributors cannot stand what they have much longer." The hearing continued Wednesday.

Salem Homes Opened To Rotarians of District

By FRED ZIMMERMAN and dinner at the Marion Hotel and luncheons for women at the Senator. The committee on conference organization, headed by Joseph A. H. Dodd, has spent several weeks in its efforts to work out a comprehensive program from the time registration begins at 1 p. m. Sunday, through adjournment set for 1:30 p. m. Tuesday. A reception and buffet will be held in the Gold Room of the Marion Hotel from 4 to 6 p. m. Sunday, followed by a vesper hour at the First Methodist Church where Ralph Kiehn, president of the Forest Grove club will give a meditation on "Living Our Good Intentions." (Continued on Page 5, Col. 5)

Second Quake in South Australia

ADELAIDE, Australia, (AP)—This capital of South Australia, which becomes host to Queen Elizabeth II on March 18, was shaken today by its second earthquake in three days. The townspeople got a scare as the tremor rocked houses between the Adelaide hills and the sea, but no damage was reported. A quake Monday, the most violent in this region in 50 years, cost thousands of dollars in toppled masonry, cracked walls and shattered windows.