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CONTINUED FAIR tonight, Friday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 29; high Friday, 60.

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Ike or Dulles Said Marked For Shooting

Fanatical Puerto Ricans Plan Death Present to Leader

By MERRIMAN SMITH WASHINGTON (UP) — Federal authorities fear Puerto Rican nationalists may try to assassinate President Eisenhower or Secretary of State John Foster Dulles as a "death present" for their ailing leader, a high government source reported today. Pedro Albizu Campos, brooding head of the Nationalist Party, lies seriously ill in Puerto Rico. Although he is not considered in immediate danger of death, officials believe his declining health could be very explosive. If Albizu's fanatical followers feel he has little longer to live, the government source said there is a definite fear here that they may make another suicidal attack on U. S. leaders as a final "present." Assassination Plot This grim report followed private advice to the United Press from Puerto Rico that the shooting of five congressmen here Monday was part of an ambitious Nationalist plot to rock the government by slaying Mr. Eisenhower, Dulles and FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 6)

Red Cells in Returned PW Held Possible

Bachelor Says He Can Not Elaborate Because of Security

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — Cpl. Claude Batchelor says that it is "quite possible" there is an organized group of Communists among returned war prisoners. The former Korean POW who chose first to remain with the Communists but later changed his mind, landed at International airport here Wednesday night to report to Brooke Army Hospital for a medical check-up. In answer to the direct question, "Is there an organized group of Communists among the returned Korean War prisoners," he replied: "That's quite possibly true. I don't know for sure. I can't elaborate further because of security." Red Conferences Held The 23-year-old Kermit, Tex., soldier said that just prior to operation Little Switch (the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners) there were a large number of conferences called by Communist leaders and "a lot of prisoners went out (were repatriated) that shouldn't have gone" after these meetings. Batchelor answered with a "no" when he was asked if he was given names of other prisoners to contact in this country or was told to contact them with the purpose of setting up Communist groups. The Texas prisoner admitted that he was one of the seven progressive leaders in his prison camp but said: (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4)

SOLDIER BEFORE INVESTIGATORS



WASHINGTON, March 4.—Pfc. Marvin S. Belsky, a doctor who said he has been denied an officer's commission, appears today before the senate investigations subcommittee. Belsky assigned to the Army's Murphy General Hospital at Waltham, Mass., refused to tell whether he is or was a communist. (AP Wirephoto)

Laud Ike's 'Fair Play' Call: M'Carthy Defied by Doctor

Belsky Denies All Jurisdiction Of Committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) carried his search for Army Communists Thursday into a public hearing at which an Army doctor refused to tell whether he is or was a Red. The doctor, Pfc. Marvin S. Belsky, said he has been denied an officer's commission. He refused to tell McCarthy's Senate investigations subcommittee whether he believes this was because, as McCarthy expressed it, he was "a member of the Communist conspiracy." Belsky challenged the subcommittee's right to ask him any questions. "I am a soldier under the jurisdiction only of the President of the United States as commander-in-chief," Belsky said. "This committee has no jurisdiction over me." Rejecting that argument, McCarthy said President Eisenhower at a news conference Wednesday (Continued on Page 5, Col. 5)

Negro Named Assistant of Labor Sec'y

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Thursday nominated J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago Negro attorney, to be assistant secretary of labor. "This is the first time, so far as we know, that a Negro has been appointed to a cabinet or sub-cabinet post," White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told newsmen. The selection of Wilkins is subject to Senate confirmation. He would succeed Spencer Miller Jr., whose resignation, effective March 10, also was announced by Hagerty Thursday. Wilkins, 60, is a native of Farmington, Mo. He received his B.A. degree at the University of Illinois, his law degree at the University of Chicago and a doctor of laws degree at Lincoln University in Missouri. Wilkins has been a practicing attorney in Chicago since 1921. He is a former president of the Cook County (Chicago) Bar Assn. This is the second time Eisenhower has called on Wilkins for government service. He is serving at present as vice chairman of the Government Contract Committee, which Eisenhower created last summer to see to it that there is no racial discrimination in plants with federal contracts.

Rebuke Seen to McCarthy From White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House reported Thursday that President Eisenhower has received "hundreds" of telegrams praising his call for "fair play" in congressional investigations—a call widely accepted as a rebuke to Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.). James C. Hagerty, presidential press secretary, told newsmen he had no exact count but the total was "in the hundreds" and they ran nine to one in praise of the President. "They are very much in favor of the President," Hagerty said. McCarthy, meantime, renewed his digging into what he calls Army "coddling of Communists" with a hearing at the capitol. Doctor Reminded When Army doctor called as a witness, Pfc. Marvin S. Belsky, questioned his jurisdiction, the senator reminded him that Eisenhower had said only Wednesday that Army and government witnesses should "willingly and cheerfully" give testimony so long as it did not endanger security. McCarthy, soon after rejecting presidential criticism in a crackling statement of his own, said in an interview Wednesday, "I have no fight with Eisenhower at all. I hope the issue of statements back and forth will drop here." Also in the aftermath of the Eisenhower-McCarthy exchange: White House Signs 1. There were signs the White House is seeking to strengthen its ties with other Republicans on McCarthy's Senate investigations subcommittee. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4)

Open Fight for Hawaiian Bill

WASHINGTON (UP) — The Senate plunged into what promises to be a weeks-long fight today over an administration-backed bill to make Hawaii the 49th state. Democratic and Republican leaders steered clear of flat predictions on the fate of the bill which passed the House last year. But both sides agreed the issue would keep the Senate busy for a number of weeks. Senate GOP leader William F. Knowland said the measure "might" pass if it doesn't become mixed up with statehood for Alaska. Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson said Democrats would try to fasten Alaska's statehood hopes to the Hawaiian bill. Statehood for the Pacific resort islands is no new issue. Dating from 1903, Hawaii has petitioned Congress no less than 15 times to be made a full part of the Union and 33 bills to accomplish this have been introduced since 1920.

Strike Ties up Atomic Plant

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — Close to 500 electricians remained off the job Thursday for the second day in a jurisdictional dispute at the Hanford atomic works expansion project. The dispute is between the AFL electricians and AFL millwrights over installation work on generators. It was close to the 50 mark in the number of work stoppages over jurisdictional disputes on the 110 million dollar expansion program. The construction project has been under way for about two years. The walkouts do not affect the actual plutonium-producing operations in existing plant facilities. The electricians are employed by Foothill Electrical Corp., a subcontractor. The main construction contract is held by Kaiser Engineers. There was no report Thursday of any meetings being scheduled in an attempt to end the present stoppage.

Sackett Freed By Court Order

VALE (AP) — Indictments charging County Clerk Harry Sackett with misuse of public money were dismissed Wednesday by two judges sitting here. The dismissals were based on the recent Oregon Supreme Court decision directing that Bonnie Lee Kuhnhausen be freed from prison because she did not get a trial in Clackamas County in the first available court term after indictment. Sackett was indicted last spring and was tried on one of four indictments last October. In that trial there was a hung jury and the trial was reset for next week. However, Judge E. H. Howell who presided at that trial, said Wednesday at the hearing on dismissal of the indictments, that there could be no trial for the Supreme Court decision in the Kuhnhausen case made dismissal her mandatory. Judge M. A. Biggs took the motions on the other indictments and signed the dismissals without comment.

Battle Opens in Senate Over Ike's Farm Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Eisenhower administration's new farm program would count present big surpluses of cotton, wheat and corn in fashioning future production control programs for these commodities, a spokesman told Congress Thursday. Only in determining future price support levels under a flexible system would a part of the surpluses be excluded. These points were made by Undersecretary of Agriculture True D. Morse in an analysis of the program prepared for a Senate Agriculture Committee hearing. The session opened the administration's uphill battle to win congressional approval of its farm proposals. The main controversy centers on the provision for a variable price support formula under which price floors for basic crops would be high in times of shortages to encourage production and low in times of surplus to encourage consumption and to discourage overproduction. This plan would replace a present system of rigid high level supports, which expires at the end of this year unless Congress renews it. In his message to Congress outlining the program, President Eisenhower said that not all of the present surpluses should be considered as a part of the supply for the purpose of determining support levels because to do so would cut price props sharply next year and not give a new program a chance to get a fair trial. Eisenhower recommended that up to 2½ billion dollars worth of surplus wheat, cotton, fats and oils, and possibly dairy products, be separated or "frozen" from commercial supplies and thereby excluded for the purpose of setting price supports under the flexible scale.

One of 10 Most Wanted Caught

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Basil Kingsley Beck—"a youthful and had-tempered roamer" who made the FBI's "10 most wanted" list on his 21st birthday Monday—was picked up by stalking FBI agents Wednesday night in nearby San Pablo. Beck, charged with murder and other crimes in three states, had been working in San Pablo at odd jobs under the name of Charles Wright. He offered no resistance when agents surrounded his car as he pulled to a stop. He was unarmed. The capture resulted from an anonymous tip received by the FBI. Beck had lived in San Pablo briefly last June. Beck was sought for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution for burglary on Sept. 5, 1953. He and three other prisoners overpowered guards and escaped from a county jail at Oswego, Kan. where Beck was held on charges of burglary and larceny.

Tie Vote Strips NLRB Powers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Labor Committee Thursday kept in force, by a tie vote, its decision to strip the National Labor Relations Board of its biggest job. Chairman McConnell (R-Pa.) announced after a closed session that a motion by Rep. Bowler (D-Ill.) to take another look at Wednesday's 14-13 action failed by a 14-14 vote. The group adopted Wednesday a proposed revision of the Taft-Hartley act which would turn over to the federal courts the task of handling unfair labor practice charges. "We are going ahead with the writing of the amendment," McConnell told reporters. "There will be no more votes until the language is drafted." The committee split across party lines. McConnell and eight other Republicans joined five Democrats in voting for reconsideration. Rep. Barden (D-NC), senior Democrat member, voted with seven other Democrats and six Republicans against it. One of the latter was Rep. Perkins (D-Ky.) who was absent Wednesday. Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich.) termed the action "another defeat for the Eisenhower administration."

Indians' Land Big Problem

WASHINGTON (AP) — Indian Bureau officials told Congress Thursday that distribution of Indian property will be the primary problem in the proposed termination of federal supervision of Indians in California. Rex Lee, associate commissioner of Indian Affairs, told a Senate House Subcommittee that the question of land ownership on the 117 Indian reservations in California is the most complicated in the nation. The reservations, he said, range in size from less than an acre to one of 97,000 acres in the Hoopa Valley. In some cases, he said, it is not clear for what group of Indians the land was purchased by the government. In other cases, original occupants of reservations have moved out and entirely new groups have moved in. Leonard Hill, the bureau's California area director, told the committee California Indians are "generally competent" and ready to "go out on their own." About 95 per cent of the 31,000 California Indians, he said, already earn their living from sources outside the reservations.

Bricker Blames Defeat on Lobby

ATLANTA (AP) — Sen. Bricker (R., Ohio), declared Thursday that "furious lobbying" by the White House and State Department brought about the hairline defeat of a constitutional amendment on the treaty power last week. But, he added in remarks prepared for a regional conference of the American Bar Assn., the Senate vote last Friday was only "round one" in "a fight to protect our constitution against abuse of the power to make treaties and executive agreements." The next rounds, Bricker said, will involve: 1. A consideration of the 60-31 vote by which the Senate rejected the proposed amendment. This tally was on a version by Sen. George (D., Ga.), greatly modified from Bricker's original plan. The Eisenhower administration opposed both. 2. Reintroduction by the Ohioan of an amendment designed to accomplish his original objectives but revised "in the light of the lessons learned" in the five-week Senate debate.

Sack Hearing Expected Today

PORTLAND (AP) — George F. Sack, 57, accused of suffocating his wife last month, was to be brought to court Thursday afternoon for a preliminary hearing on a charge of first degree murder. The woman, Mrs. Goldie Sack, 56, was his third wife to die violently. The other two died in the 1920s in Chicago—the first in an apartment fire and the second of a gunshot wound. Sack was accused of first degree murder in the shooting but was found insane and committed to an Illinois mental hospital. He was released in 1932. In 1939 Sack was held 10 days and questioned about the disappearance of J. C. Young at Seattle. Young has never been found. Sack has denied any knowledge of how his third wife died. Her body was found under a clump of brush east of Portland a day after Sack reported her missing.

Huge Profits On Race Track

NEW YORK (AP) — George Morton Levy, counsel for Roosevelt Raceway, has told state harness track probes that stock he bought at \$2,200 for the daughter of former GOP national committee chairman J. Russell Sprague was sold last fall for \$150,000. The sole witness Wednesday to the Moreland Act Commission's open hearings probing the state's trotting tracks, Levy testified he bought Nassau Trotting Assn. stock in 1946 for Mary Maude Sprague Adams. Levy said he bought 2,500 shares at \$1 per share, and listed it in his name "to avoid complications, so that people wouldn't think Sprague owned the stock." The witness said that Mrs. Adams' husband, Boris, became ill after war service and was under medical treatment and that "they" wanted to make sure of a future income. Mrs. Adams sold the stock, Levy said, "either after or just before the appointment of this commission."

Europe's Press Divided on Ike

LONDON (AP) — Western Europe's press divided Thursday over whether President Eisenhower's latest statement on Sen. McCarthy was a sharp censure for the Wisconsin Republican or a mere "slap on the wrist." Nearly all comment was contained in the headlines over the story. British newspapers were almost unanimous in expressing disappointment that the President's news conference statement Wednesday was not stronger in his criticism of McCarthy's Red-hunting tactics. "Scarcely a slap on the wrist," commented Lord Beaverbrook's independent Daily Express in its account of the President's statement. But West German newspapers headlined the story with such words as "sharp censure," "reprimand" or "blow in the face" for McCarthy.

U.S. Ship Sank Turkish Vessel

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Turkish authorities held the 7,210-ton American freighter Volunteer State in port Thursday in connection with a small Turkish Coastal vessel in which four men were lost. The ship is operated by the State Marine Corp. of Delaware and sails out of New York. She had just unloaded an American military aid cargo at nearby Derence, on the Gulf of Izmit, and was about to sail when Turkish police boarded her just before midnight Wednesday night. They carried orders from the Turkish public prosecutor to hold the ship pending investigation. An inspection of the ship's bow for a possible collision mark was planned.

3 AFL Leaders Cleared by Jury

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Three of eight AFL leaders who were named in a labor racketeering indictment here last summer have been exonerated by a federal grand jury in a superceding indictment. The new indictment, returned Wednesday, cleared Peter P. Higgins Sr., former head of Teamsters' Local 682, and John L. Lawler and George E. Seaton, both business agents for steamfitters' locals. They had been named with the other five in an indictment charging them with the extortion of \$20,000 from a construction firm on a crude oil pipeline near Moberly, Mo. The other five AFL officials were re-indicted by the jury on similar charges in the alleged shakedown. Three of the five already have been convicted in another labor racketeering indictment and are scheduled for sentencing Friday.

French Destroy Red Pillboxes

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — French army headquarters announced Thursday that tanks and infantry struck out from the northwest Indochina fortress of Dien Bien Phu in a heavy bombardment of encircling Vietminh hill positions. The tanks pushed more than two miles east of the fortified plain and plastered the Communist-led rebels' positions for more than an hour Wednesday afternoon. A headquarters spokesman said the shelling destroyed a long string of Vietminh pillboxes and other entrenchments and undoubtedly caused heavy casualties. The rebels answered with mortar and rifle fire but finally were forced to flee.

Langer Favors Attacking Ike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Langer, R., N.D., publicly suggested Thursday that critics of the Interior Department's power policy should direct their fire at President Eisenhower himself and the Republican party. "Why attack the hired man?" he asked. Clyde Ellis, executive manager of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Assn., was testifying before a Senate judiciary subcommittee, and had objected to power policies laid down by Asst. Secretary of the Interior Fred Aandahl, Langer, chairman of the Senate group, broke in. "Why attack Aandahl?" Langer asked. "Why not direct attacks at President Eisenhower. Why attack the hired man when it was Eisenhower who made the promises to the people?" "The promises were not made by Aandahl or Secretary of the Interior McKay. The man responsible is the President himself. He could correct the situation tomorrow himself."

Only 93 File for State Offices

With the deadline for filing of primary election candidates only eight days away, the number of candidates stood at only 93 Thursday. About 300 more candidates are expected to file. Filings will be accepted until 5 p. m. March 12. Filings Thursday: Jeff B. Harrison, Aloha Democrat, for state representative from Washington County; Albe ... for ...; Dist. Atty. Kenneth M. Abraham, Hood River Democrat, for reelection; OM C. Gibbs, Lakeview, for circuit judge.

Unemployed in Oregon Shows Drop Last Month

Oregon had 63,818 unemployed persons who were seeking jobs on March 1, a decrease of 9,541 from the previous month, the State Unemployment Commission said Thursday. The unemployment total on March 1 was 16,250 more than it was a year ago. During February the number of persons asking jobless benefits dropped 4,671 to 42,559. The unemployment rate for every section of the state was lower than in February for jobs than early last month," the commission said, "except for small increases in La Grande, Lakeview, Baker and Ontario."

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 55; minimum today, 26. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0.1 for month; 0.1 normal, 26. Seasonal precipitation: 23.30; normal, 29.55. River height: 1.8 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

ANTI-REDS / HONG KONG

The Communist Party organ in East Kwangtung—the key South China province facing Hong Kong—has admitted that 140,000 armed anti-Red guerrillas are operating in mountainous sections east of Canton.

Rail Crossing Case Ends; S.P. Withdraws

By JAMES O. OLSON The city of Salem grade crossing case against the Southern Pacific Railroad before Public Utility Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel came to a close Thursday noon, with the railroad submitting no evidence. Frank McCulloch, chief counsel for the railroad, told Commissioner Heltzel that it was with regret that the railroad felt obligated to refrain from presenting any evidence. The railroad attorney said that the city's action was taken under a statute enacted in 1962 which does not provide for division of costs of protective devices at railroad crossings in accordance with benefits. In the hundreds of grade crossing cases heard in Oregon, he said this was the first time this statute had been used. "Inasmuch as the Southern Pacific serves many communities in Oregon any action in this case would serve as a precedent—one that would cost the railroad millions of dollars," McCulloch said. He explained that the decision would be awaited after which the railroad would probably enter into litigation to attempt to bring about some sharing of costs. McCulloch frankly stated that he was aware additional protection was needed at some of the railroad crossings in Salem, but that in some instances, this need was brought about by buildings erected off the railroad right-of-way, obstructing the view of the tracks, for which the railroad is not responsible. He said, further, that the city itself would derive benefits from any improvements installed, through the facilities of traffic and reduction in accidents. The railroad was willing to do its (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3)

ALPINE VICTIM FOUND

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — The body of a 25-year-old German woman, Bavaria's sixth Alpine avalanche victim since Sunday, was recovered Thursday. The woman was buried under an avalanche Wednesday at Sonthofen.