

THE WEATHER

MOSTLY CLOUDY tonight and Saturday morning; becoming sunny Saturday afternoon. Little change in temperature. Low 50, 42; high Saturday, 65.

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Ike Okays Brownell Program

All-Out Drive On Crime Outlined At Parley

By MARVIN L. ABRAMSON DENVER — President Eisenhower approved Friday a major program designed to simulate an overall attack on crime in this country.

The campaign was outlined to the Chief Executive by Atty. Gen. Brownell in a 25-minute conference in Eisenhower's hospital room.

Brownell disclosed the program in a news conference in which he refused to discuss whether he thought President Eisenhower would run again since he said he thought it would be "entirely inappropriate" at this time.

The judicial program for the fiscal year 1956, which Brownell said the President approved, would call for:

1—Legislation making it a "criminal offense" to invade the privacy of a jury while it is deliberating on a case. This grew out of developments during a recent trial in Wichita, Kan.

2—Construction of a nine million dollar "maximum custody" prison in the Midwest to house criminals of the type now sent to Alcatraz, Leavenworth and Atlanta; and of a \$7,500,000 institution west of the Mississippi River for the treatment and imprisonment of youthful offenders similar to those from the East now housed at Ashland, Ky.

3—Appointment of public defenders in every federal district, either on a full-salaried or a part-time basis to give federal defendants assurance of proper legal defense.

4—Legislation creating about 20 additional judgeships to help cut down the backlog of pending criminal and civil cases in the federal courts.

Living Costs Near Record

WASHINGTON — The government reported Friday that living costs rose seasonally in September to near the record level of 1953.

The rise was three-tenths of one per cent from August, and sent the Labor Department's index to 114.9. On the index, the 1947-49 average is 100.

The September level was two-tenths of one per cent higher than a year ago and the highest since August 1954.

It is half an index point below the record living cost level of October 1953, when the index reached 115.4.

The September rise was attributed to seasonally higher prices for food, clothing and household maintenance and furnishings. Cost of most services such as medical care, hospital charges, and personal care also advanced.

Mrs. Arnyess-Joy Wickens, deputy labor statistics commissioner, said she saw no evidence of inflation in the September increase.

She said prices have been stable for some time, and that the living cost level has fluctuated within a narrow range of one per cent since November, 1953.

Townsend Not With Royalty At Ceremony

LONDON (UPI)—Peter Townsend in a possible royal snub, received no invitation today to a ceremony honoring a man beloved both to him and Princess Margaret—her father, the late King George VI.

The Queen unveiled a statue of King George who introduced his daughter Margaret to Townsend nearly 12 years ago.

Margaret stood in the rain alone to watch with her royal relatives. Townsend stayed in his lonely guest flat in Louisa Square.

And Queen Elizabeth II, who on religious grounds cannot consent to her sister's marriage to the divorced Townsend, made a speech recalling that her father "enjoyed the blessing of a happy home life founded in Christian faith and perfect love."

Those invited to the sentimental ceremony in Carlton Gardens of the mail were not restricted to royals.

They included "members of the government, persons especially associated with the late King and members of his household," according to the official announcement.

Widow in Court



McMINNVILLE — Mrs. Marjorie Smith, 34, sits in Yamhill County courtroom as jury selection begins in her first degree murder trial. She is accused of plotting the death of her husband in a dynamite explosion last April in Portland. (AP Photofax.)

Jury Seating Completed in Murder Trial

McMINNVILLE, Ore. — Selection of a jury to try Mrs. Marjorie Smith, 34, on the charge she plotted a dynamite blast that killed her husband, was completed Friday.

The jury, of nine men and three women, was sworn in just before noon. Alternates were to be selected in the afternoon.

The jury selection was interrupted briefly at the start when one of her attorneys told the court a Portland newspaper, the Oregon Journal, Thursday had made a "completely untrue" reference about his client and he wanted to know whether members of the jury panel had read it.

Apparently none had, and attorneys turned to the matter of picking the jury.

Mrs. Smith's trial was moved here from Portland because her attorneys said it would be difficult to get an impartial jury there, where she was arrested and charged with getting a 45-year-old handyman, Victor Lawrence Wolf, to rig a dynamite bomb to her husband's car.

The bomb exploded last April 21, killing her husband, Portland attorney Oliver Kermit Smith.

Wolf has confessed that he did this because, he said, the woman promised to go away with him to Alaska after collecting the \$21,000 insurance on Smith's life.

It is a first-degree murder charge Mrs. Smith faces, and the state told prospective jurors Thursday the death penalty will be sought.

Smash Kills Ore. Trucker

PRINCETON, B.C. — An Oregon trucker was killed and his relief driver was injured Thursday when their heavy semi-trailer truck plunged off the Hope-Princeton highway when the air brakes failed.

Dead is Richard Lewis, Clackamas, Ore., who was asleep in the bunk of the cab when the truck plunged over a small embankment and he was hurled against the window.

Driver Virgil Hawkins, Brush Prairie, Wash., suffered minor injuries and is in good condition in Princeton Hospital.

The huge truck was bound from Vancouver to Whitehorse with a load of fruit and vegetables. The load was ruined beyond recovery.

An inquest will be held.

Solons in Europe Deny Asking Special Planes for Home Trip

WASHINGTON — Senators McClellan (D-Ark.) and Chavez (D-NM) say they have not asked for special government planes to fly them and their wives home from Europe.

And an aide of Sen. Stennis (D-Miss.) said in Washington he knew of no such request by his senator. Stennis himself could not be reached immediately.

All three legislators are members of the Senate Appropriations Committee in Europe on committee business. The Defense Department said yesterday it has sent two big four-engine transport planes to bring them home, at an estimated round-trip cost of \$29,000.

Asst. Secretary of Defense Robert T. Ross said the special jets had to be ordered when the senators were reported unable to wait two or three days for government planes due on "regular scheduled missions."

One of the two government planes took off yesterday for Madrid, where it was due to pick up McClellan and Stennis Sunday.

Killings Suspect Cleared

Lie Test Sheds No Light on Chicago Boys' Deaths

CHICAGO — The owner of a truck containing a collection of stained tools was cleared Friday of any connection with the brutal slaying of three Chicago grade school boys.

Sheriff Joseph Lohman announced Edward Robbles, 47, had taken a lie detector test and could shed no light on the triple slaying that has baffled police since the boys' nude, strangled and beaten bodies were found Tuesday.

Robbles and his deaf mute brother, Herman, 62, had been picked up for questioning after a forest ranger reported seeing a panel truck bearing the name "Robbles" Monday night in Robinson Woods.

The brothers said they had slept in the truck in the woods Monday night near the ditch where the bodies were found dumped.

While Edward was undergoing the lie test, the truck was put to a minute examination by sheriff's officers. Lohman said his men found a 3 x 5 foot quilt with stains that might have been made by blood, a 3-foot iron crowbar, a claw hammer and a can opener stuck with strands of what appeared to be hair.

The contents of the truck were sent to the crime laboratory for scientific inspection.

Lohman had his deputies and forest rangers drag the Des Plaines River for a half a mile on either side of the spot where the bodies were found. He said the killers may have tossed the boys' clothing in the river.

Victims of the shocking crime were Robert Peterson, 14; John Schuessler, 13, and his brother, Anton, Jr., 11. They disappeared after telling their parents they were going downtown Sunday afternoon to a movie.

Heenan Robbles was released. The sheriff said his brother would be detained without charge pending a complete examination of the truck contents.

A deputy sheriff and a police matron took a plane to Brookville, Ind., to question a girl who told authorities she "knew who the fellows were in the slaying."

The girl gave her name as Gloria Vasquez, and said she will be 17 next month. Mrs. James Hixon, wife of the sheriff in Brookville, said the girl told her she was paid \$200 in Chicago to "go with some boys" and was with them when the bodies were dumped into the ditch.

Russ Seamen Given Asylum

SEATTLE — Almost boyishly exuberant and showing their joy without restraint, nine young Russian seamen found asylum in this country last night.

They flew here from Formosa, admitted by Atty. Gen. Brownell despite protests from the Russian government. The nine were among 20 in the crew of the Soviet tanker Tuapse who asked political asylum in Formosa after the ship was captured by the Nationalist Chinese last year.

Brownell ordered their admission under provision of the immigration law which permits him to exercise such discretionary power for otherwise inadmissible aliens.

Their landing at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport was accompanied with the customary official bustle, checking through customs and arranging to board a waiting plane which took them on to New York. But time was found for a brief word with news representatives.

Through an interpreter they expressed the unanimous view that they sought asylum in America because of its reputation for freedom and opportunity.

Saer Election Rioting Looms

SAARBUECKEN, Saar — Saar police tightened their precautions Friday against possible disorders as the hotly disputed weekend plebiscite on the border territory's future approached.

Saarländers will vote Sunday for or against the French-German plan to give their country a "European" authority under Western European Union.

"From now on, as the campaign closes, things will get tougher and tougher," a high police official predicted.

Members of the International Commission on Neutral Observers supervising the plebiscite were known to fear an invasion of riotous from Western Germany in the next 48 hours.

New efforts to break Premier Johannes Hoffman's pro-European meetings were made in the area Thursday night.

Hoffman's automobile was halted by a road block in pouring rain on a dark highway near Friedrichsthal. A crowd surged around his car and the police had to turn on fire hoses to clear the way.

Russian Demands Re-Geneva Disarmament Debate in U.N.

These Salem Men Get Special Honors



City officials and employes who have been in the municipal service 30 years or more will receive special recognition at the League of Oregon Cities convention in Portland next week.

Eight from Salem will be so honored. In the above picture they are, front row, from left, Alfred Mundt, city recorder; J. H. Davis, city engineer; Ellsworth L. Smith, fire chief; J. L. Franzen, city manager; Back row, from left, Capt. Walter Edwards, Battalion Chief Robert Mills, Capt. Ray McCauley, and (inset) Battalion Chief William Hunt, all members of the fire department. Another group to get special honors will be ex-league presidents and league founders, and Salem will contribute six to that group. City Manager Franzen qualifies for both groups. He is an ex-president of the league.

Sen. Lehman Backs Adlai In N.Y. Split

NEW YORK — A split in the 90-vote New York delegation to the Democratic national convention appeared likely Friday as Sen. Lehman (D-NY) pledged his support to Adlai Stevenson for the presidential nomination.

Supporters of Gov. Averell Harriman had hoped for a delegation solidly behind the governor.

Lehman, who campaigned for Stevenson in the 1952 election, issued a statement Thursday night saying he saw no reason to change his preference in 1956.

Stevenson, in Chicago, said "I am proud to have this expression of support from so distinguished an American as my old friend Herbert Lehman."

Stevenson, earlier in New York, had said "I am not counting on the New York delegation at all."

Democratic National Committee Chairman Carmine G. DeSapio has been working for a solid pro-Harriman delegation.

Chairman Michael H. Pendergast also has been actively supporting Harriman. New York Mayor Robert F. Wagner has been favoring Stevenson.

Before Stevenson boarded a plane for Chicago, newsmen asked him about reports that his supporters had started a move to prevent a solidly pro-Harriman delegation from New York.

Stevenson replied: "I neither know of nor have I heard of such a thing. I'd be interested, but I don't think I'd approve of it. I'm not counting on the New York delegation at all."

I Dead, 3 Hurt In B47 Crash

TOKYO (UPI) — A B-47 bomber, Ore. Air Force pilot was one of three men injured today when a B-47 jet bomber crashed during takeoff in northern Japan. One man was killed.

He is Lt. Charles W. Clark, co-pilot of the bomber, which crashed about 300 or 400 yards off the end of the runway at Misawa air base on the northern tip of Honshu, Japan's main island.

Clark and the other two injured men were reported in "good condition."

Officials at Mountain Home Air Base in Idaho identified the man killed as Lt. Edward C. Dew of Bishopville, S.C., an observer aboard the jet bomber.

Bandit Gets Away After Tardy Start

PORTLAND (UPI) — A bandit who waited for several minutes in front of the store he had just robbed of \$1000 made good his escape last night.

Walls Whitney, manager of the Salsbury Store, said the shabby dressed bandit came to the counter with a tube of toothpaste shortly before 9 p.m. closing.

Employees of City to Receive Recognition

Right officials and employes of the City of Salem will receive special recognition at the 30th annual convention of the League of Oregon Cities, which meets in Portland October 23-26, Sunday through Wednesday.

The reason is that they have been in municipal service 30 years or more.

The eight are J. H. Davis, city engineer; Ellsworth L. Smith, fire chief; Walter D. Edwards, William Hunt, Ray H. McCauley, Robert Mills, all members of the fire department; J. L. Franzen, city manager, and Alfred Mundt, city recorder.

Other Salem men to be honored specially are Charles Huggins, R. L. Elstrom, V. E. Kuhn, Al Loucks and Justice James T. Brand. The latter will be honored as one of the founders of the League of Oregon Cities, and the others as former league presidents. Huggins is former mayor of Marshfield and Elstrom and Loucks former Salem mayors.

Franzen will be honored also with the second group.

Salem men who are listed on the convention program include: Mayor Robert F. White, City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz, Rep. Al Loucks, Municipal Judge Douglas Hay, State Fire Marshal E. A. Taylor, Plumbing Engineer C. A. McClure, Fire Chief E. L. Smith, Police Chief Clyde A. Warren and City Engineer J. H. Davis.

Mississippi Man Coming Mayor Allen C. Thompson of Jackson, Miss., president of the American Municipal Association, will speak at luncheon Monday.

Presidents of the League of California Cities, the Association of Washington Cities and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities will also participate in convention activities.

Comparative experience of various cities in dealing with specific problems will be discussed at most of the convention sessions, according to League President Diamond L. Flynn, former mayor of Medford. A special convention feature will be an informal hearing by the legislative interim committee on local government. Fringe area developments and problems will be described for the committee by city and county officials from various parts of the state.

100-Mile-Up Rocket Will Carry Pilot

LOS ANGELES — A rocket plane capable of carrying a pilot to a height of 100 miles—that's the project reportedly assigned to North American Aviation Corp.

The Los Angeles Times said in its edition Friday that North American will have two years to complete the job, with backing of the Air Force, Navy and the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

The goal is almost six times the altitude record of 90,000 feet (about 17 miles) set last year by Maj. Arthur Murray in a Bell X-1A rocket research craft.

An unmanned single-stage rocket has soared 150 miles high.

North American declined comment.

IP Will Begin Work on Dams In Few Weeks

LEWISTON, Idaho — Unless halted by court action, the Idaho Power Co. will begin construction of two dams in the Snake River's Hells Canyon area "within a few weeks," company president T. E. Roach said Thursday night.

Roach said the company expects early approval of design drawings filed Sept. 4 with the Federal Power Commission and will "announce in 10 days or two weeks the signing of major construction contracts."

If the designs are approved and the courts are not asked to intervene, he said, work will begin between Nov. 15 and Dec. 1.

Public power groups which opposed Idaho Power's plan to build three low dams in the Hells Canyon gorge during lengthy FPC hearings on the private utility's application threatened to carry their fight to the courts after the FPC decided in favor of Idaho Power.

Roach said the company is going ahead with its plans and has placed orders for equipment for Brownlee and Oxbow damsites, upstream from the Hells Canyon site. Work will begin at Hells Canyon when the other two are completed.

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Dulles Holds Trump Cards

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today held a strong hand of diplomatic cards to play at next week's Big Four showdown meeting at Geneva on key East-West problems.

Dulles, in a whirlwind finish to preparations for the conference, has lined up support of President Eisenhower and a group of congressional leaders of both parties for U.S. strategy on the twin problems of European security and German unity, disarmament and lowering of East-West barriers.

Additional support for Dulles' Geneva strategy came late Thursday from the secretary's own State Department. It suddenly made public an 80-page record of many of Mr. Eisenhower's and Dulles' statements at the earlier Summit Meeting at Geneva last July.

The document showed the strong determination of the United States to link European security and German unity together—a tussle the President won from Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin. It also brought out Mr. Eisenhower's flat pledge to Russia that "under no circumstances is the United States ever going to be a party to aggressive war—against any nation."

This was coupled with the President's pledge that the North Atlantic Treaty organization is "our permanent ally."

Dulles met Thursday with 14 key congressional leaders to acquaint them with U.S. strategy and to shore up any weak spots in bipartisan backing. The Secretary of State was reported pleased by the reception his views received from the lawmakers.

U.S. Accused Of Blocking Progress

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — Russia demanded Friday a full debate on disarmament in the U.N. Assembly Political Committee, without waiting for disarmament decisions by the Big Four foreign ministers.

Arkady A. Sobolev, permanent Soviet delegate to the U.N., made the demand in the 12-nation U.N. Disarmament Commission.

He accused the commission of attempting to delay a report on disarmament debates of its big-nation subcommittee. Further delays would be harmful, he said.

"It has been alleged that discussion of disarmament here would interfere with or prevent discussion by the Big Four ministers," Sobolev said. "But disarmament was a major topic of all the general policy statements in the Assembly. Every member of the United Nations has the right to debate this subject."

The Big Four foreign ministers meet at Geneva Oct. 27.

The Disarmament Commission subcommittee—composed of the United States, Britain, France, the Soviet Union and Canada—recessed sessions here Oct. 7. They were deadlocked over disarmament plans, especially on U.S. insistence that President Eisenhower's "open sky" plan be adopted as a prelude to disarmament.

Under that plan, the United States and the Soviet Union would exchange aerial reconnaissance and defense blue prints to prevent surprise attack.

Sobolev told the commission—composed of the 11 Security Council members and Canada—that everybody agrees on the necessity of measures to avert surprise attack.

That, together with closeness of agreement on the necessity of reducing armed forces, and the necessity of continuing inspection make it desirable to open the disarmament debate here, Sobolev said. He said there was now a definite possibility of reaching agreement.

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