

THE WEATHER

PARTLY CLOUDY, little cooler tonight, mostly cloudy Saturday. Low tonight, 32; high Saturday, 48.

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Astorian Branded Red Aide Housewife Called Propagandist In Probe

SEATTLE (AP) — An Astoria, Ore., woman was accused at a House Un-American Activities subcommittee hearing Friday of being "one of the principal propagandists for the Communist Party in the Northwest."

Richard Arens, the subcommittee counsel, applied the label to Mrs. Julia Runtilla, who described herself as a housewife and freelance writer.

"If that is not true, I ask you to deny it under oath," Arens challenged.

Mrs. Runtilla said she declined to answer under rights accorded her by the 5th Amendment.

It was one in her series of about 25 refusals to answer. In addition to invoking the 5th Amendment, she insisted questions put to her were not pertinent and beyond the scope of the committee's investigative authority.

Arens also said to Mrs. Runtilla "I put it to you as a fact that you have for several years been associated with the North End Club of the Communist Party in Portland." She again refused to answer.

Mrs. Runtilla was the second woman witness called in the second day of the hearing which committee members said was aimed at linking activities against national immigration and security laws with members of the Communist Party.

She also stays silent. The other was Mrs. Louise Hatton, Seattle, who likewise refused to answer a series of questions about activities of the Washington Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born, and about possible Communist Party associations.

Mrs. Runtilla, however, was the principal morning witness. Arens accused her of having written an ad under the names of Julia Eaton and Kathleen Cronin.

She acknowledged that she was discharged in 1948 from a job with the Oregon Public Welfare Commission.

GOPs Pledge No Deals for Senate Post

PORTLAND (AP) — Each of Oregon's 15 Republican senators has pledged not to make a separate deal with the Democrats on the matter of organizing the state Senate, Sen. Rudie Wilhelm reported Thursday.

The Republicans are holding together hoping to gain some advantages in the negotiations to break the 15-1 tie between Republicans and Democrats in the upper house.

Wilhelm predicted that a solution to the problem would be found before the scheduled Jan. 14 inauguration of Democratic Gov. elect Robert D. Holmes.

Wilhelm's remarks were made at the meeting of the Multnomah County chapter of the Oregon Republican Club.

Another speaker at the session was Phil Hitchcock, who was defeated in the GOP primary for the U.S. Senate. Hitchcock cited what he said was "criticism that a small group has been running the party." This group has been running the party "by default," Hitchcock said.

Weather Details
Maximum yesterday, 53; minimum today, 45. Total 24-hour precipitation, .45; for month, 2.87; normal, 3.82. Reason precipitation, 16.42; normal, 14.23. River, 18.5; normal, 15.2. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

2 New Salem Schools Wait On Re-design

Board Calls Fresh Start on Plans To Cut Cost

By FRED ZIMMERMAN
Capital Journal Writer
Unable to perfect a reconciliation between available funds and the cost of constructing two junior high school buildings, the Salem school board decided Thursday night to make a fresh start.

As a result Architect William I. Williams was asked to redesign his plans so that the cost of the Judson and Waldo buildings would come within the limitations of the \$2,400,000 budgeted for their construction.

Crews Divert Flooded Creek Near Oakridge

Several Houses Remain Threatened; Rails Reconstructed

OAKRIDGE (AP) — Salmon Creek was being moved back into its old channel near here Friday as heavy caterpillar tractors worked to clear away the debris and gravel which clogged the normal watercourse during floods earlier this week.

The creek—which is a river in all respects but its name—was still undercutting a bank at one point and further threatening a number of homes along the bank.

Southern Pacific track crews worked through the night to complete a track re-laying job required by another Salmon Creek digression about a mile upstream from Oakridge. A heavy crane had been brought to the job to help and Southern Pacific was working double shifts at its heavy rockpile near Oregon City to send more materials for the Oakridge job.

Oakridge community leaders met Friday morning to discuss means of shoring up weakened dikes and revetments in Willamette City and Oakridge before another flood occurs.

Ray Ramey, Oakridge area civil defense director, said Gov. Elmo Smith has been asked to declare an emergency in the area to facilitate obtaining federal aid.

Men and equipment put to work all night Tuesday and through Wednesday on Willamette City dikes were promised payment "if and when" it might be possible, Ramey said. Other volunteer flood fighting efforts were similarly arranged.

Cold Weather Due in Valley

Cooler weather was back in the picture Friday, the forecast calling for temperatures around the freezing mark here tonight.

Rivers in the valley are still running high. At Salem the Willamette measured 15.6 feet Friday morning and was due to stay around that point, only slow drops being forecast for the next two days for streams in this area of the valley.

Five-day forecast calls for temperatures averaging above normal following the cool trend for the first part. Recurring rains are due, totaling 1 to 2 inches in this area.

The mountain regions also are due for cooler weather this weekend, a few showers, mostly of snow, listed for about Monday in the high areas and eastward.

1600 HEAR RUTGERS TALK
Godfrey Lectures Despite Criticism

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (UP) — Entertainer Arthur Godfrey made his controversial appearance at Rutgers University Thursday for his discussion on air power.

Godfrey spoke to some 1,400 Air Force reserve Officer Training Corps students after arriving by helicopter. About 200 additional non-ROTC students and faculty members were on hand for the event.

War Hits Hungary's East Zone Reds Admit Riots And Clash With Russ Troops

By CHARLES W. RIDLEY
VIENNA (UP) — Communist controlled Budapest Radio today reported new anti-Soviet riots and a major armed clash between Hungarian patriots and Soviet troops in Eastern Hungary.

A broadcast said the battle took place Thursday at Miskolc, capital of Borsod Province. It erupted when Red Army troops moved in to break up anti-Soviet demonstrations. Casualties were not reported.

It was a rare admission by the Janos Kadar puppet regime of bitter fighting in the provinces. A later broadcast said anti-Soviet riots flared Monday and Tuesday in the city of Eger, between Miskolc and Budapest.

"Counter-revolutionary elements," Red terminology for the partisans, attacked the provincial government building and caused serious damage with hand grenades, it said.

Driven Into Mountains
The Eger rioters distributed anti-Soviet and anti-Communist leaflets, the broadcast said.

Radio Budapest listed a number of persons arrested in various parts of Hungary for distributing anti-Communist leaflets.

Hungarian refugees in Yugoslavia said strong Soviet armored reinforcements drove into the Pecs and Szeged regions in Southern Hungary early this week to push strong insurgent forces into hideouts in the Mecsek Mountains. The reports came from 70 Hungarian youths who fled across the frontier Monday.

In its version of the Miskolc clash, Budapest said "counter-revolutionary elements led by Geza Barany opened fire on Soviet troops units when they tried to stop anti-Soviet demonstrations.

28,000 on Sidown
BUDAPEST (AP) — An estimated 28,000 workers in Hungary's big steel industrial complex—the huge Csepel Iron and Steel Works south of Budapest—defied Russian tanks and troops Friday to stage a new sidown strike.

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Flood Strips Talbot Road

Approximately 100 feet of blacktop was washed off Market Road No. 29 near Talbot during the recent flooding of the Santiam highway.

County Judge Rex Hartley and Commissioner Roy Rice visited the area Thursday and found that the water had receded to such a stage that it was possible to pass over the road.

The officials also discovered that a drift wing placed in the river a year ago, had been effective in preventing debris from floating onto nearby farms.

A request for a similar drift wing a short distance up stream, has been sent to the U.S. engineer corps. During the current rise a considerable amount of drift has been deposited in fields adjacent to the main stem of the river.

Shocked at Slaying Scene

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—Helen Mester, left, holds hand to face in shocked amazement as she arrives to identify the body of her slain husband, Meyer, a millionaire food manufacturer. The bullet-riddled body of the wealthy businessman was found slumped in the front seat of his car parked in a lonely area near the Bush Terminal in Brooklyn yesterday. Hiding his eyes from the scene is Mester's brother, Murray, a business partner. Police so far have been unable to establish a motive for the slaying. (AP Wirephoto)

U.S. to Supply A-Arms to Allies, But Not Warheads

Flax Property Here Sold for Near \$350,000

Asten-Hill Firm Buys Plant, Grounds in West Salem

The Asten-Hill Mfg. Co., which has been operating in Salem since July, 1955, Friday announced through its Salem manager, Ernest Liszewski, that it had purchased the buildings and grounds of Oregon Flax Textiles, Inc. in West Salem.

The purchase price was not divulged, but it is understood to be in the neighborhood of \$350,000.

Producers Dryer Felt
Asten-Hill, manufacturer of "dryerfelt," a material used in the manufacturing process by paper mills, has been operating in the plant under a lease arrangement since it came to Salem a year and a half ago.

The plant had been vacated by Oregon Flax Textiles when it quit its Oregon operation. The purchase by Asten-Hill is from National Auto Fibers, Inc., which was the parent company of Oregon Flax Textiles. The transaction announced Friday was made through Grabenhorst Bros.

The home offices of Asten-Hill Mfg. Co. are in Philadelphia. The company has three plants in the United States, in Philadelphia, at Waterboro, South Carolina, and in Salem.

Covers Four Acres
The buildings of the Salem plant total about 80,000 square feet of space and cover four and a fraction acres. The output of the company is exclusively dryerfelt. The company is now running three shifts five days a week.

20 Injured as Florida Train Breaks in Two

LAKE CITY, Fla. (AP)—A coupling between two cars of the Seaboard Airline Railroad's fastest train, the Gulf Wind, came apart near here Thursday and some 20 persons were injured when the rear section of the train hit the front part.

Trainmen made repairs and the Gulf Wind proceeded here. Doctors and nurses met the train and gave first aid. None of the injured was hurt seriously enough to be hospitalized.

The collision shook up passengers and threw some dining car waiters to the floor.

A Seaboard spokesman said the cause of the two cars coming uncoupled had not been determined. He explained that when two cars come uncoupled the brakes are applied automatically.

The train was en route from New Orleans to Jacksonville.

Dawn Comes Early on Swedish Holiday



Girls at Willamette's Delta Gamma sorority got a surprising awakening early Thursday morning when Swedish exchange student Birgetta Gullers celebrated a native holiday, "Santa Lucia." Birgetta dressed in the "Lucia Bride" costume, including a wreath of seven candles, and served Swedish cookies and coffee to her sisters in a custom which heralds the coming of Christmas. Peeking out from the covers is Mary Ann Schoessler. (Capital Journal Photo)

SANCTA LUCIA OBSERVED Co-ed Brings Bit Of Sweden Here

A little bit of Sweden was transported to Salem yesterday, when the Swedish national holiday, Sancta Lucia, was celebrated by Birgetta Gullers, foreign exchange student at Willamette university.

An ancient Swedish custom which has passed down through the centuries, Sancta Lucia is a symbol of light—the light is a heralding of the coming of Christmas.

In small towns and large in Sweden, a girl is named "Lucia Bride" to represent Sancta Lucia. She and her court ride in a carriage through Stockholm singing the Lucia song, whose tune has been borrowed from the Italian Santa Lucia.

In most villages the Lucia Bride and her retinue pause at each home, singing and presenting the families with Swedish Christmas cookies—rolled dough baked in the shape of crosses, or pepparkakor, a ginger snap cut into forms of animals.

Although Birgetta was thousands of miles away from the Swedish celebration in her native Stockholm, she donned the traditional white gown of Sancta Lucia yesterday and put on the crown, which is a coronet decorated with lily-of-the-valley leaves and seven lighted candles.

The "families" whom she visited bearing greetings of Sancta Lucia, were the members of Delta Gamma sorority, where she lives on an exchange scholarship. Following another custom of baking all of the Lucia and Christmas breads and cookies the day before the huge celebration, Birgetta turned out her pepparkakor and served them Thursday morning with coffee for breakfast.

"No one knows where the custom began or who Sancta Lucia exactly was," commented Birgetta, "but it has become the largest national holiday in our country and is celebrated with much gaiety and festivity."

Albany Shoppers Get Free Parking

ALBANY (Special) — Albany city council's Christmas gift to shoppers will be two days for free in the metered zones, before Christmas.

Councilman Cliff Knodell asked the council to declare a parking holiday the two shopping days before the holiday—December 22 and 24.

Dual Capacity Weapons Go To NATO

By STANLEY JOHNSON
PARIS (AP) — The United States Friday promised to supply modern weapons, capable of firing atomic charges, to its NATO allies but made it clear that the U.S. will retain possession of the atomic warheads.

A U.S. source said the new weapons to be made available have "dual capacity," meaning that they can fire either conventional or nuclear explosives.

PARIS (AP) — The Atlantic Allies called urgently Friday night for quick clearance of the Suez Canal, a final settlement of the disputed waterway's future and a permanent Arab-Israeli peace.

A communique issued after the four-day NATO conference of foreign defense and finance ministers, also expressed "shock and revulsion" at what was described as Russia's "brutal suppression of the heroic Hungarians."

He said that because of the U.S. law prohibiting transfer of military atomic elements to foreign countries, only the conventional explosives would be furnished to allies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Report by Wilson
The U.S. promise came in a 15-minute report by Defense Secretary Wilson in answer to requests from European NATO members for tactical atomic weapons. Wilson spoke at a closed session of the Ministerial Council of the 15-nation alliance.

The council session also named Belgian Foreign Minister Paul-Henri Spaak, 57, a middle-of-the-road Socialist, as its new secretary general. Spaak, one of the leading workers for a united Europe, succeeds Lord Ismay of Britain. Ismay retires in April after holding the post for five years.

Wilson told the council that in addition to "the delivery of new and modern arms—whose nature he did not specify—the United States would assist those allies who are willing and able to develop their own modern weapon systems.

The United States' European allies have expressed their mounting desires to transform their armed forces in line with the realities of the atomic age.

Wilson made no reference to any possibility that President Eisenhower's administration might ask Congress to amend the National Security Act and the Atomic Energy Act to permit the shipment of atomic warheads to the NATO allies.

In his call for an integrated Western European arms program, Wilson appeared to be urging a military version of the so-called Euratom Project which six NATO members in Europe are drafting for a pooled development of nuclear energy for peaceful industrial purposes.

Not Ready Until '59
Franz-Joseph Strauss, West German defense minister, conceded that the full West German contribution of 12 divisions to NATO would not be ready until 1959. He said, however, that West Germany will make a "significant" contribution in the coming year.

The ministers adopted a report which covers definite military goals for 1957, provisional goals for 1958 and planning goals for 1959.

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