

THE WEATHER

MOSTLY CLOUDY with night and morning fog; chance of light showers Friday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 37; high Friday, 45.

19 Perish In 4 Fires In Houses

13 Children Among Victims in East And Midwest

By UNITED PRESS
House fires in four states today claimed the lives of 19 persons, including 13 children.

The two worst blazes took six lives each at Reading, Pa., and Jeffersonville, Ga. Five more perished at Marshall, Mo., and two at Balltown, Iowa.

A family of six was killed when flames swept through a frame house rented by A. Lucius Ringwood, about 40, near Jeffersonville. The dead were Ringwood, his wife, and their four children.

Kerosene Blamed
Fire which apparently started from a kerosene stove which may have been leaking was blamed for six deaths at Reading.

Killed were Mrs. Esther Rothermel, 48; her grandchildren, Jimmy and Peggy Probst, aged 1 and 3; and her nieces and nephews, Donna Rothermel, 2; Carol Ann Fromm, 4; and Eddie Rothermel, 4. Another woman and two children fled to safety.

Flames wrecked a four-room house near Marshall, Mo., and five persons apparently suffocated in their beds. An overheated stove was blamed.

Family Wiped Out
Deputy Sheriff Henry Hoff identified the Marshall victims as Orville Swisher, 37; his wife, Edith, 34; and three children, ranging from 3 to 9 years old.

At Dubuque, Iowa, Frank Curjel, 41, and his daughter, Frances, 15, died at a hospital of burns they received in a fire at their Balltown home Wednesday night. Five other children were hurt, two seriously.

Curjel suffered his burns in making three trips into the burning house to rescue his children.

Federal Judge Upsets Florida Bus Ban Laws

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — A federal judge Thursday ruled that Florida laws and Miami city ordinances requiring segregated seating on municipal buses are unconstitutional.

U. S. Dist. Judge Emmet Choate made the oral ruling in refusing to dismiss a petition by Florida branches of the National Assn. for Advancement of Colored People requesting an end to segregated bus seating.

The judge refused to convene a three-judge court to hear arguments in the case. He said there was no substantial question of constitutional law in view of the recent U. S. Supreme Court decision banning segregated seating on buses in Montgomery, Ala.

Choate dismissed the transit company as a defendant, ruling it was a private enterprise and not an arm of the state. He gave the city of Miami 10 days to file an answer to his ruling.

The judge's action touched only segregation on city transit buses, but G. E. Graves Jr. of Miami, attorney for the NAACP, said "it is apparent that the decision has a much more far-reaching effect than that. It can be extended to trains, suburban and interurban buses."

SP&S, Union Accept Delay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Union and management have agreed to a delay in presidential board action on a Spokane-Seattle-Portland Railroad labor dispute, the National Mediation Board said Thursday.

Eugene C. Thompson, Mediation Board secretary, said the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and railroad officials extended until Jan. 14 the date for the start of hearings by a three-man presidential board.

The emergency hearing group, authorized on Dec. 5, has not yet been set up. Thompson said the White House was expected momentarily to name the members.

Fog Returns, Due to Stay

Dismal, wet fog Thursday morning followed the brief interlude of sunshine that came out Wednesday.

And more fog is in the offing tonight and Friday morning with possibility of light rain later tomorrow.

Highway travel was reported normal Thursday, except for some icy spots along the mountain routes.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 45; minimum today, 34. Total 24-hour precipitation, .02 inch. 29, normal. 33. Season precipitation, 11.6; normal, 15.56. River height, 1.2 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

Governor-Elect, Wife Ready New Salem Home



Oregon's new governor, Robert D. Holmes is just like any other husband when it comes to moving... his wife wants him there. Both Mr. and Mrs. Holmes were busy Wednesday and Thursday, moving into their new residence at 2745 Alvarado Terrace. Holmes points to window which affords view of city of Salem. (Capital Journal photo). (Other pictures section 4, page 6).

Officer Fired, Faces Sheriff Assault Count

CORVALLIS (AP) — James A. Steadman, 28, fired as Philomath police captain after being jailed here New Year's Day, will have preliminary hearing Friday on a charge of assaulting Benton County Sheriff Clifford N. Lilly.

The sheriff, who collapsed of a heart attack shortly after a struggle with Steadman, was reported somewhat improved Thursday but still in critical condition in a hospital here.

Two charges were put against Steadman Wednesday. He pleaded guilty to being drunk in a public place, but asked a hearing on the assault charge which accuses him of "beating and bruising" the sheriff.

The sheriff went to a nightclub outside Philomath early New Year's morning in reply to a call from the proprietor who said Steadman had been ejected and was trying to get back in.

The sheriff said Steadman scuffled with him before submitting to arrest. Then on getting out of the sheriff's car here, witnesses said, Steadman banged an elbow into the sheriff's ribs and either bit or slapped him in the face. The sheriff, 62, went down and Steadman fell on top of him.

A short time later the sheriff collapsed.

Mrs. Lee Gets SACB Top Job

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Thursday chose Mrs. Dorothy McCullough Lee of Portland, Ore., to be chairman of the Subversive Activities Control Board.

Mrs. Lee, a member of the board since last Aug. 31, succeeds Thomas J. Herbert as chairman. Herbert resigned Jan. 1 to become a member of the Ohio Supreme Court.

Mrs. Lee, a Republican, is a former mayor of Portland. At the time of her appointment to the board she had been serving as a member of the Justice Department's Parole Board.

HOPE GIVEN UP FOR 2 'Copter Pilots Rescue 8 Stranded on Mount Blanc

CHAMONIX, France (AP) — Daring helicopter pilots Thursday snatched eight marooned alpinists from the snow-swept slopes of Mt. Blanc but gave up hope for two more frostbitten climbers marooned on Europe's highest peak for 12 days.

The rescue pilots had hoped to hover above the pair — Frenchman Jean Vincendon, 23, and Belgian Francois Henry, 24 — and lower men down to put them in baskets hanging from the copter, but this proved impossible.

Both may already have died, suffering from extreme frostbite. They were bundled in sleeping bags in the wreck of a helicopter which crashed earlier trying to save them.

The two young men had set out two days before Christmas to scale Mt. Blanc despite adverse weather forecasts.

None Hurt as Ships Collide Off N. Y. Port

NEW YORK (UP) — A U. S. government ship with 145 passengers aboard and a Venezuelan vessel collided "in perfectly clear weather" at dawn today off the entrance to New York Harbor, the Coast Guard reported.

It said the collision was not "too serious" although the 9,977-ton Cristobal of the Panama Line and plates and railings smashed on her port side and had to be towed to the Todd Shipyard for repairs by a Moran Towing Company tug.

The other ship, the 4,214-ton Ciudad de Barquisimeto, proceeded to the harbor from the collision scene off Ambrose Lightship under its own steam, he said. There were no injuries. The Cristobal was en route here from Panama. The Venezuelan ship was departing.

The Cristobal is operated by the Panama Canal Company, transporting primarily government personnel and materials between the United States and the Canal Zone. It is one of the line's three ships which figured in a recent investigation of free congressional travel.

The decision to introduce the Anderson resolution at the start of the new Congress today was taken yesterday at a meeting of six Democratic and eight Republican members in the office of Sen. Douglas (D-III).

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FROM PASADENA R. C. Rice Named Scout Executive

A man who has been in professional scouting for a decade has been selected as executive for Cascade area council, Boy Scouts of America. The area consists of Marion, Polk and Linn counties.

The new executive is Richard C. Rice, 32, of Pasadena, Calif., who will report his duty next Monday to succeed the late Gordon Gilmore, who died following a heart seizure Nov. 4.

Rice has served scouting in various capacities in the Los Angeles area since 1946. His most recent assignment has been that of assistant scout executive of San Gabriel valley council, with headquarters at Pasadena.

The appointment of Rice was made by the local council's executive committee from a group of available men. It follows the custom of not elevating an assistant

NO SEARCH WARRANT Benton Judge Rules Slots Seized Illegally

CORVALLIS (UP) — A Benton county district judge ruled here today that state police made an unlawful search of the Corvallis Country Club when they entered the property and seized three slot machines.

Judge Richard Mengler made the ruling while allowing a defense motion to suppress the machines seized in evidence.

Judge Mengler said the search last November should have been made with a search warrant. He ruled that the constitutional rights of Leo P. Herb, club manager, had been violated when the police entered the premises of the private club without a search warrant.

The court further ruled, however, that the three slot machines were legally seized because they are contraband and subject to seizure anytime and anywhere.

A motion to have the machines and the money in them returned to the club was denied. Judge Mengler said he would order the machines destroyed and the money turned over to the county treasurer. The judge's ruling was seen as virtually killing the complaint of illegally possessing gambling equipment that had been filed against Herb.

UN Bars Reds, Invites ROKs

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) — The U. N.'s Political Committee Thursday rejected an Indian proposal to invite Communist North Korea to take part in the forthcoming U. N. debate on the Korean problem.

The vote in the 18-nation committee was 29 in favor and 40 against, with 12 countries abstaining. Those supporting the Indian proposal included the Soviet bloc.

The committee then approved a U. S. resolution inviting South Korea to participate. The vote on this was 21-19, with 12 abstentions.

The decisions opened the way for a general debate on the Korean problem. The vote was preceded by an East-West clash which took up the entire morning session of the committee.

Boy Attacked, Four Arrested

PORTLAND (UP) — The police campaign against juvenile violence in Portland resulted in the arrest of four persons just outside the city last night where a small newspaper boy was attacked.

Police said the boy was assaulted on SE 52nd Ave. on Mt. Scott and that another youth was beaten on east Burnside and 148th Ave.

Arrested were 21-year-old Charles E. Gift and Donald W. Butcher, 18. Also booked were 17-year-old boy and a 15-year-old girl. Gift and Butcher were held for being a minor in possession of tobacco.

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Short-Cut Try Charged
Sen. Russell (D-Ga.) accused the group yesterday of attempting to take a "short-cut" to change Senate rules, and said that such action in legislative matters "leads to tyranny."

He spoke out after a meeting of Southern senators in his office. He indicated that the Southerners, in fighting the move of the Northern-Western coalition, were prepared to bring all other Senate business to a standstill if necessary.

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MID-EAST MESSAGE

Ike to Go Before Session Saturday

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Thursday ordered a Saturday session to hear President Eisenhower deliver a message on the Middle East crisis. It passed and sent to the Senate a resolution for a joint session that day.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles told congressional leaders yesterday the situation in that area "is highly dangerous" and the "Soviet Union may well move to expand its own influence" there.

The resolution Eisenhower seeks as outlined in tentative form by Dulles, would:

1. Authorize the President to "undertake programs of military and economic cooperation with free nations in the general area of the Middle East in order to strengthen and defend the independence of those nations."
2. Authorize the spending of 400 million dollars in economic aid to the Middle East over a period of two years beginning next July 1.

Those terms of the resolution, still in tentative form, were described in a statement released by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with Dulles' approval after Dulles met with its members and Senate leaders for more than two hours in a closed-door night session.

"The secretary viewed the resolution as a deterrent to aggression and as a positive action on behalf of peace," the statement said. "Without the resolution, he thought the danger of war would be increased."

Earlier, Dulles spent more than an hour with a similar group from the House.

A-Arms Supplied to 6th Fleet's Marines

WASHINGTON (UP) — U. S. Marines aboard ships in the Mediterranean have been armed with "live" atomic military equipment, a reporter for the Scripps-Howard newspapers said today.

Staff writer Jim G. Lucas said his information came in an exclusive interview with Gen. Randolph Pate, Marine Corps commandant, published today in Scripps-Howard newspapers.

He said Pate told him the Sixth Fleet Marines have a "ground atomic capability," explaining that this meant they have atomic warheads for their artillery.

They soon will be armed with Sixth Fleet rockets, also having atomic warheads, Lucas quoted Pate.

Lucas said Gen. Pate also revealed:

1. That two reinforced Marine battalions secretly put to sea, one each from Norfolk and Japan, during the Middle East crisis with orders to proceed to the Mediterranean and Persian Gulf and stand by for orders.
2. That a reinforced company was flown to Port Lyautey, Morocco, after the Mediterranean area naval commander, Adm. Walter F. Boone, received a tip that Arab extremists might try to storm the big U. S. naval base there and seize its ammunition.
3. That Marines attached to the Sixth Fleet were prepared to fight their way into Cairo "if necessary" to evacuate American civilians at the start of the Suez fighting.

At the height of the Middle East crisis, a battalion of the Third Marine Division in Japan put to sea and had reached the Arabian Sea before its orders were canceled, Pate told Lucas. It is now en route back to Japan, the general said.

A battalion of the Second Division at Camp Lejeune, N. C., left Norfolk for the Mediterranean but turned around when the fighting ended. Pate said the men were now ashore but their heavy equipment still is aboard ship and they could re-embark "in a matter of hours."

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85th Congress Start Marked By 'Scare'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats took control of the new 85th Congress Thursday—but only after a brief Senate scare—and started a session already confronted with a momentous foreign affairs issue.

President Eisenhower will go before a joint session Saturday to present this grave question—a request for advance approval to use U. S. troops against any Communist aggression in the Middle East.

Silent Up to Climax
The Democratic scare in the Senate arose from the silence of Sen-elect Frank Lausche of Ohio, right up to the climactic moment, as to whether he would vote for the Democrats to organize the Senate. He did, and the Democrats prevailed on a 49-46 vote.

Sen-elect Javits (R-NY) was absent.

In the House, the Democrats took over in routine fashion installing the veteran Sam Rayburn of Texas as speaker on a vote of 227-199.

Lausche, elected as a Democrat, had once intimated he might vote to let Republicans have control of the Senate organization since the White House is held by that party.

With Lausche silent as to his intentions, the air was heavy with tension as the senators met at noon.

Adial in the Gallery
The galleries were packed. One of the spectators was Adlai E. Stevenson, the unsuccessful Democratic presidential standard bearer in 1952 and 1956.

Lausche took his stand when the senators were called on to vote for a president pro tempore, Lausche went along with the rest of the Democrats in voting for Sen. Hayden, Arizona Democrat.

As it turned out, the decision did not hinge on Lausche's vote since Javits was not there to vote.

Before the gavel banged at noon in the Senate and House chambers, formally launching the session, party caucuses by senators settled party leadership questions in routine fashion.

In the House, party caucuses were held Wednesday.

The party division in this new Congress is: Senate, 49 Democrats and 47 Republicans; House, 223 Democrats, 209 Republicans and two vacancies.

Ike Schedule For Congress

WASHINGTON (UP) — Schedule of addresses and messages which President Eisenhower will send to the new Congress:

Middle East message, to be delivered personally to a joint session of both houses on Saturday.

State of the Union message, to be delivered personally to a joint session Jan. 10.

Budget message, week of Jan. 14-18.

Economic message, some time in January.

Inaugural address, Jan. 21.

Other special messages may be sent to Congress from time to time on separate issues such as school aid, health, civil rights etc.

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