

THE WEATHER

CLOUDY WITH rain and occasional snow tonight; mostly cloudy with rain and snow showers, Thursday; somewhat cooler. Low tonight, 30; high Wednesday, 40.

Eden Resigns British Premiership

Post May Be Given To Butler

LONDON — Sir Anthony Eden resigned Wednesday night as prime minister of Britain. He blamed bad health.

The 59-year-old Eden stepped down after the failure of British-French military intervention in Egypt and at a time of strain in British-American relations.

In Office 21 Months

The 59-year-old English aristocrat had completed 21 crisis-ridden months in the nation's highest office.

It was officially announced just before 7 p.m. that Queen Elizabeth II had accepted his resignation.

Eden called on the Queen at Buckingham Palace just after 6 p.m., following a 70-minute emergency meeting with his Cabinet and other government ministers at No. 10 Downing St.

Eden drove to the palace alone. He appeared choked up and on the verge of tears.

The text of the Buckingham Palace announcement:

"The Right Honorable Sir Anthony Eden, prime minister and first lord of the treasury, had an audience of the Queen this evening and tendered his resignation as prime minister and first lord of the treasury, which Her Majesty was pleased to accept."

No Word on Successor

There was no immediate indication as to who would succeed Eden.

The Queen could ask another Conservative politician to form a Conservative government — as seems likely.

Eden's top lieutenants — Lord Privy Seal R. A. Butler and Chancellor of the Exchequer Harold Macmillan — were seen as the most probable choices to lead a new Conservative government.

Neither, however, commands the wholehearted support of all factions of the Conservative Party, rest by controversy over the decision to intervene in Egypt.

Queen Elizabeth hurried back from Sandringham, her Norfolk home, unexpectedly Wednesday afternoon.

State Court Rules PUD's Are Taxable

Public utility districts in Oregon are subject to taxation the same as private utilities, the Oregon supreme court held Wednesday.

In an opinion written by Associate Justice George Rossman the court decreed the Northern Wasco County's People's Utility District was liable for taxes assessed by the State tax commission against it for the years, 1950 through 1952.

Justice Rossman said the statutes providing for the taxes against the PUD "are not arbitrary or unreasonable and are free from constitutional infirmities."

Public Utility districts in the state have stoutly maintained they are exempt from taxation and the case at issue was in the nature of a test case.

Circuit Judge M. W. Wilkinson of Wasco county held the 1950 levy was void but sustained the levies for the other years.

The supreme court, however, ruled the 1950 levy, while made under authority of a void statute, was validated by later curative legislation. To this extent the decree of the trial court was reversed but the remainder of the findings of the lower court were confirmed.

The high court also decided that the Oregon legislature had the power to enact the tax statutes which the PUD challenged and that such statutes did not violate any constitutional restrictions and that accordingly, taxes for all the years were lawfully levied.

Repetto Confesses Lebanon Slaying

ALBANY (Special) — Furious anger because his stepmother usurped his task of lighting a fire in the fireplace caused Thomas Richard Repetto, 21, to beat her to death in their Lebanon home Saturday.

This was confessed by the youthful former inmate of the State Fairview home Tuesday to Dist. Atty. Courtney Johns during routine questioning. Young Repetto previously denied any knowledge of how the woman, Mrs. Mary Hattie Repetto, was killed.

As a result of the confession the defendant, who is charged with first degree murder, has been placed in the Oregon State hospital.

Hunger Strike Ends After Six Skip 26 Meals

A nine-day hunger strike, staged by 20 convicts, characterized by Warden Clarence Gladden as hardened criminals, ended when the last six partook of dinner Tuesday night, the warden announced.

The last six to quit the food strike had missed 26 meals although prison authorities are certain that some of them consumed Christmas candy during the early part of the strike.

The number of food strikers, starting a week ago Monday originally 20, gradually dwindled until Tuesday morning only six stood fast. But they weakened when the evening meal was served and without comment or demonstration accepted the food trays and gobbled up the food.

Prison authorities said they believed that the striking convicts had hoped to last out until next Monday, when Governor-elect Holmes is inaugurated, in order to call his attention to them.

But Holmes is only one of three men, having jurisdiction of the prison and other state institutions, and he alone could not remove Warden Gladden, which is believed to have been one of the strikers' aims.

State Senate Deadlock Eased by Agreement on Committee Picks

PORTLAND — Democrats and Republicans will each name their own state Senate committee members, two party leaders decided late Tuesday.

One Republican leader said this "brings us closer to agreement on organization" of the Senate.

Still unsettled, though, is the question of whether a Democrat or a Republican is to be president of the Senate, which is split evenly with 15 members from each party.

Presumably this will not delay inauguration of Gov-elect Robert D. Holmes on Monday, however. Unless some unexpected legal bar is uncovered, Senate leaders expect that a temporary chairman — if the president still is not named by then — could provide the necessary organization to go ahead with the inauguration.

Action on 2 Grade School Additions Due

Something definite concerning additions to the Liberty and Salem Heights elementary schools may come out of Thursday night's meeting of the school board.

Because of the rapid expansion of home building in the southern part of the district, facilities at Liberty and Salem Heights have become crowded. The directors have discussed the situation to some extent, but no definite commitments have been made.

The directors will also be informed concerning progress being made in connection with the re-vamping of plans for the proposed Judson and Waldo junior high schools.

Kadar Indicts 11 Patriots in Terror Effort

BUDAPEST (UP) — Dictator-Premier Janos Kadar opened a new campaign of terror against Hungarian intellectuals today by indicting 11 patriots for publishing and distributing free newspapers after the Nov. 4 attack by the Soviet Army.

Two of the nation's better known writers were among the 11 accused of "counter-revolutionary activities" by publishing or distributing the papers. The writers also were accused of inciting a Dec. 4 demonstration by Hungarian women against Russian tanks.

Simultaneously, the Workers Council on the powder keg industrial island of Csepel in the Danube south of Budapest announced it was resigning in protest against interference by the Kadar government.

The Csepel council, which defiantly led the nationwide sitdown strikes against the Communist regime, took extraordinary measures to ensure that news of their new protest reached the few Western correspondents permitted in Budapest.

Tuesday's prediction was that heavy snows were due if that storm moved into Oregon to link up with a mass of frigid arctic air moving south from Canada.

The bureau said the pattern has been delayed but snow remains a threat.

Rain with some snow is forecast for much of western Oregon through Thursday. East of the Cascades snow flurries are due in the north and steady snow in the south as the mercury dropped sharply Wednesday.

Baker Wednesday morning reported 3 below zero.

Snow Arrival Delayed, But Still Threat

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County Fights Sign Vandals, Posts Reward

Marion county will offer a reward of \$50 to any person who will furnish information leading to the conviction of one guilty of destroying road signs.

This action was taken by the county court Wednesday at the suggestion of County Commissioner E. L. Rogers who said the cost of replacing signs was running around \$260 a month.

In some instances, said Rogers, signs placed one day are torn down the next. He added that it takes a crew of two men and a truck several days a month to take care of the signs.

Officers Re-elected

Officers of the commission were re-elected at Tuesday's meeting. Robert Powell will again head the group with Stuart Compton as vice president and Betty Marsh secretary. Powell and Compton were first named to their posts last summer after John Carkin resigned as president. Lloyd Hammel was sworn in as a new commission member replacing Carkin.

Ike Policy Substitute Supported

WASHINGTON (UP) — A proposed 34-word Democratic substitute for President Eisenhower's Middle East resolution drew cautious support on Capitol Hill today.

But Speaker Sam Rayburn said he has not endorsed it.

Rayburn said the substitute was submitted to him by a "very prominent man" formerly high in the government. He said it was neither former President Truman nor former Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

Filetetter Another?

Speculation centered on former Air Force Secretary Thomas K. Filetetter as a likely author.

Mr. Eisenhower has laid before Congress a resolution affirming U.S. interest in the security of the Middle East and specifically authorizing him to use American military forces, if necessary, to defend any Middle East nation which seeks our help in resisting Communist attack. The administration resolution also would empower him to grant about \$600 million in U.S. military and economic aid to Middle East nations over the next three years.

Administration Silent

The proposed substitute only inference would authorize the President, on his own, to use force in the area. It would make no mention of economic aid. It simply would state America's interest in independence of the Middle East nations and her determination to use force if necessary to maintain it.

France Won't Yield Algeria, Mollet Warns

PARIS (UP) — Premier Guy Mollet warned Algerian rebels and the United Nations today that France "will never abandon Algeria."

Speaking to newsmen before making a radio and television report to the nation tonight, Mollet served notice that the United Nations should keep out of what France regards as none of its business.

The United Nations is considering a debate on Algeria later this month, and the rebels in that North African territory have intensified their 25-month-old insurrection in an effort to focus world attention on their demands at a time of U.N. discussion.

Mollet gave his warning in a 20-minute declaration to reporters at his official residence, before having a broadcast later over the government-operated radio and television networks.

The declaration was formally approved by the Cabinet earlier in the day.

It contained little that Mollet has not said before. But it was a formal restatement of the government's intentions toward Algeria on the eve of the proposed U.N. discussion.

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Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 41; minimum today, 28. Total 24-hour precipitation (trace) for month: 1.82; normal, 1.73. Season to date: 12.88; normal, 20.08. River height: 1.3 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

12 Negro Pastors Board Bus in Atlanta Ban Defy

ATLANTA (UP) — Twelve Negro ministers boarded an Atlanta city bus today and sat in front seats in an apparent attempt to break down Georgia's bus segregation laws.

The public vehicle, an electrically operated trackless trolley, appeared to develop power trouble just after the Negroes boarded and two mechanics were called to repair it. All but one of the five or six white passengers aboard got off. The Negroes remained.

The first attempt at bus integration in the Georgia capital city occurred at a busy downtown intersection, the corner of Whitehall and Mitchell Sts. The Negroes, members of the "love, law and liberation" movement, held a prayer meeting this morning and then went downtown to board buses.

Gov. Marvin Griffin promptly blamed "outside agitators" for the integration attempt and said the Negro bus riders should be jailed.

Plan General Strategy

The integration move in the Georgia metropolis, a bedrock of Deep South segregation practices was made on the eve of a meeting of bus integration leaders from other Southern states, including the Negro ministers who led movements to end segregated seating laws in Montgomery and Birmingham, Ala., and Tallahassee, Fla.

The group plans to map south-wide strategy to implement the Supreme Court decision declaring segregated bus seating unconstitutional.

A Negro organization in New Orleans announced today it will seek racial integration on city buses by "peaceful" means. The Rev. W. Scott Chinn, a spokesman for the New Orleans Ministerial Alliance, a Negro group, said a petition will be presented to the president of the New Orleans Public Service commission, asking that bus segregation be ended and that Negroes be given equal job opportunity by the bus company.

Governor Hints Action

One of the Negro ministers who sat in the front of an Atlanta bus this morning was the Rev. Martin Luther King Sr., father of the leader of the Montgomery integration drive. He said it was the first time he had ever sat in the front of an Atlanta public conveyance.

Griffin hinted at quick action to nip the integration attempt in the bud. He said that his powers under Georgia riot statutes are very broad and added, "I am charged with the responsibility of preventing trouble."

"I would call on these people to disperse and if they did not I would put them all in jail," the governor said.

In Montgomery, Ala., where court ordered bus integration has been in effect for some three weeks, a night-time curfew on bus operations will be lifted this afternoon. The curfew was imposed during the Christmas holidays in an effort to stop a wave of shootings which wounded one Negro bus passenger.

At Knoxville, Tenn., segregationist John Kasper warned that a suit to integrate Knoxville schools may lead to more "race riots" and "possible bloodshed."

Judge Orders Wiretap Probe By Grand Jury

PORTLAND — Federal Judge Claude McCulloch Wednesday ordered a federal grand jury to investigate reports of illegal wire tapping in Portland.

He said he had waited "a proper period of time for local authorities to act," and now considers it his duty to act under federal laws.

"It is a matter of public information," the judge said, "that there have been numerous charges of wire tapping in the community."

The summer-long investigation by a Multnomah County Grand Jury brought frequent references both to recorded room conversations and to the tapping of telephone lines. The latter is forbidden by federal law.

Five recorded telephone conversations are in FBI possession, and presumably will be heard by the federal grand jury.

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New Jobs Taken By Elmo's Aides

While Governor Elmo Smith has not announced any definite future plans, members of his office staff have all obtained positions both inside and outside of the state organization.

As previously announced, Edwin H. Armstrong, executive assistant to the governor, will become business development representative for the First National Bank of Portland with headquarters in the Salem branch.

Mrs. Lucile Pavlik, also of the secretarial staff, has accepted a position with the state forest protective and conservation committee.

Mrs. Peg Smith, another of the governor's secretaries, will be with the legal department of the state department of forestry, while Mrs. Shirley Sonderman, on the secretarial staff, will return to full-time homemaking duties at her home in Stayton.

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