

THE WEATHER

DOMINANT CLOUDINESS, few showers tonight turning to steady rain Thursday. Warmer tonight and Thursday. Low to high 28; high Thursday, 40.

Two Dams Get House Unit Okay

HC Jumps Vetoed; Final Vote Due On Friday

By PAUL W. HARMON JR., Associated Press Writer. The State and Federal Affairs Committee of the Oregon House of Representatives voted approval Wednesday of two memorials asking Congress for immediate funds to build Hells Canyon Dam on the Snake River and John Day Dam on the Columbia.

The committee, with a 9-8 Democratic majority, was unanimous in its support of the John Day memorial. But the three Republicans opposed action on the Hells Canyon memorial "at this time."

The high Hells Canyon Dam could flood out the Idaho Power Co.'s sites for three low dams for which it has a permit from the Federal Power Commission.

The committee also voted to sponsor a trip this weekend to inspect the three low dam sites at guests of Idaho Power Co.

The House probably will vote on the two memorials on Friday. Meanwhile, the Legislature began to sink its teeth into the state's financial problems, described as tough by Rep. Robert J. Stewart (D), Keating, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

The seven subcommittees of Ways and Means began inspecting the budgets of departments and institutions.

The House Taxation Committee had an afternoon hearing scheduled on the 2 per cent sales tax recommended by the Republican-dominated Interim Tax Committee. But the sales tax issue will be settled before other preliminary action is considered.

WAS Re-Sent First. A proposed constitutional amendment to eliminate the death penalty, except in cases where murder is committed by men who already are under life sentence for murder, was being prepared for introduction by Sen. Norman Swanzland (D), Milwaukie. It has the blessing of Gov. Holmes.

The measure, which would have to be submitted to the people, provides a 15-year sentence for second degree murder, and a person convicted of first degree murder could not be paroled until he served 15 years. A life sentence would be mandatory in first degree murder cases.

Speaker Pat Dooley summoned House members to a meeting at which he planned to make proposals to prevent duplication in consideration of bills by committees, and make sure that members introduce bills to carry out the Governor's program.

Rep. Shirley Field (R), Portland, introduced a bill to have the insurance commissioner regulate employee health, welfare and pension funds.

And the House Elections Committee introduced the first of several bills to reform election practices.

Chinese Celebrating Own New Year



The New Year is nearly a month old in most American cities but it's just arriving for the Chinese. Chinese residents in Salem will be celebrating the occasion with a special feast and an offering to their gods, here shown by Moon F. Yen. (Capital Journal Photo by Jerry Glaser)

ALL HOLIDAYS IN ONE It's Festive Time For City's Chinese

By JANET TUGMAN STONE, Capital Journal Writer. Home won't walk the streets tomorrow, but local Chinese citizens will observe some of the traditions of their Chinese New Year.

This celebration occurs at the end of 12 Chinese months, usually between Jan. 21 and Feb. 19. This year the observance will be held Jan. 23 and 24. On this special day, the Chinese, among them, Mr. and Mrs. George Chin and family of Hillsdale, will exchange little red envelopes with friends and neighbors. Involvement in the observance will be the words, "Gong-he-fat-chop," — "get rich quick." Inside the envelope will be tucked a coin or paper money. In the homes, a square or a long strip of red paper will be fastened over the door. This, too, must bear an inscription of good wishes. Red is a good luck color to the Chinese.

On New Year's eve, members of a family are expected to remain home and have a special party. Special dishes, not ordinarily eaten during the year, are prepared and served. Wear New Clothes. On New Year's Day everyone wears new clothes, there is more feasting, gifts are exchanged, and family and friends party together. There are fireworks and parades. The long paper lions march, waving with the costumed revellers. Children go from door to door begging sweets.

On these days the Chinese must only do what is good and say what is good. Superstition says that if they do something bad, the whole year will be bad. According to Mrs. Gordon Hershberg, who has attended some New Year feasts with the Chin family, it is an extremely gay and colorful occasion. It is also an extremely noisy occasion, apparently, as Mrs. Hershberg says, "there's an awful lot of eating."

Lots of Food. There are cakes, steamed or fried, pastries with fruit filling and spices and real sugar cane which is peeled so the outer can chew it to get the juice out. The Chinese roast pumpkin seeds and make special chicken dishes, barbecued or steamed, to serve with lots of citrus fruit. Duck and squid are also favorites along with a dish made of rice noodles that are extremely transparent.

"Everybody is real happy," says Mrs. Hershberg, "there is a happy music—they are all so gay and carefree." Celebration of Holidays. Actually, she adds, this celebration is like every American holiday rolled into one. It is like Christmas because they give gifts—which must be wrapped only in Chinese red paper—like Halloween because the children make the rounds of homes asking for candy and candy, like the New Year here because it rings in the new and out the old and like the fourth of July because of the parades and fireworks.

In Salem, George Chin and his friends have already been exchanging the small, red envelopes. And, though they must work on this special day, the families will have their gods. An image will be decked with flowers and he will be fed and treated like a member of the family, an important part of the New Year tradition.

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Southern Areas Hit By Floods

State Damage in Millions; 3 Are Known Dead

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. Flood damage mounted Wednesday in a four-state area menaced by rain-swollen mountain rivers. Thousands of persons already had been forced to leave their homes. Losses ran into the millions but the full tally could not be reckoned because scores of communities were isolated. But only three deaths were reported.

The flood zone was in southeastern Kentucky, southern West Virginia and nearby sections of Virginia and Tennessee. Damages in Hazard, Ky., were expected to exceed five million dollars. Devey Daniel, a banker in that city on the Kentucky River, said: "Hazard's business section completely wiped out. Four feet of water in People's Bank."

The town of Williamson, W. Va., with a population of 9,000, was 75 per cent under water. The Williamson Daily News could not publish its afternoon edition because the water rose to typewriter level on the first floor. The telephone exchange at Mountain, W. Va., was awash. Most of the 1,200 residents of Pound, Va., were forced to evacuate.

Mines and schools were closed in some parts of the flood region in the valleys of the Kentucky, Cumberland, Pound, Guyandotte, Little, Clinch, and Powell Rivers and the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River. Kentucky National Guard units and 200 men of an Army engineer unit based at Ft. Knox went on rescue duty with boats and trucks.

Red Cross workers, including nurses, were sent into stricken districts in Virginia, Kentucky and West Virginia. Gov. A. B. Chandler appealed for federal aid in Kentucky.

The national weather map showed clearing skies in the flood zone. Collier air moved into parts of Kentucky and West Virginia. Southern California's worst cold snap in five years appeared ended Wednesday as the sun dispelled storm clouds.

Safe Cracked At Feed Store. Safecrackers made off with about \$225 in cash and \$77 in checks from the General Mills Feed Company, 230 Perry St., early Wednesday morning, city police reported.

Detectives said the safe was "smashed," apparently by experts. Entry to the building was made by forcing the door and padlock from the main door. Feed store officials said missing from the safe was \$224.49 in cash and \$77.00 in checks. They also reported that about 60 cents were taken from a desk drawer. Nothing else was disturbed, they said.

Roseburg Man Charged With Slaying Wife. ROSEBURG (AP) — A 32-year-old plywood worker was accused here Tuesday night of killing his 31-year-old wife after a quarrel.

Mrs. Barbara Gosler died in Douglas Community Hospital about an hour after the shooting at the Gosler home. Dist. Atty. Robert W. Stull said the husband, Lovell L. Gosler, was being held on a first-degree murder charge. He said Gosler telephoned police after the shooting.

Courier L. L. Powers said the woman was struck in the elbow and abdomen by a bullet from a high-powered rifle.

Collision With Truck Is Fatal. PORTLAND (AP) — Donald Charles Elliott, 29, Tisdor, was killed Tuesday night when his car hit the rear of a truck and trailer driven by Jack Felner, McMinnville, on Barber Blvd. near the Salem freeway connection.

Forrester Appointed To Education Board. J. W. Forrester, Jr., 52, editor and publisher of the Pendleton East Oregonian, was appointed by Gov. Holmes Wednesday to the State Board of Higher Education.

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President Deplores Wilson's Statement About Guard, Draft

Ship Blast at Alameda Kills 9, Injures 50

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Nine workmen were killed and 50 injured yesterday as two explosions and fire wrecked the tanker Jenny, being refitted for emergency use in the Midwest oil crisis. Six of the survivors were reported in critical condition.

The 10,206 governmental-owned tanker, newly out of mothballs, was being rushed to a Feb. 8 deadline. She was hoisted to the American Transocean Co. to carry oil to Europe.

Austin Sheen, assistant general manager of Toshi Shipyards, said workers' torches may have ignited petroleum fumes in the engine and boiler rooms. An investigation may determine the cause. One other shipyard official, unidentified, said heat from the torches might have set off a reserve fuel oil tank.

Survivors said bodies were hurled against bulkheads of the two rooms and against pipes. Some corpses were battered and broken. Many of the injured — six were in critical condition — had broken bones as well as severe burns.

The tragedy occurred in mid-afternoon at the Todd yards on the Oakland Estuary.

RESSENTS DISCOURTESY Ike Warmly Greets Saud

WASHINGTON (AP) — King Saud of Saudi Arabia arrived here for a state visit today and received a "heartily welcome" from President Eisenhower.

The President personally greeted the bearded, bespectacled monarch of six million Arabs as he stepped from the plane which flew him here from New York.

"Your Majesty, on behalf of the American people, I heartily welcome you to the United States," Mr. Eisenhower said. "We recognize in you a great leader of the Arab people and the custodian of the cities most sacred to Islam. We are honored by your visit."

The welcome was in contrast to the snub the visiting monarch received Tuesday from Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York. Before he went to the airport,

Mr. Eisenhower alluded to that snub by telling his news conference he deplored any discourtesy shown official visitors.

Mr. Eisenhower arrived at the airport five minutes before the presidential plane, Columbine III, brought Saud here from New York.

As soon as the King stepped from the plane, Mr. Eisenhower doffed his hat and shook the King's hand warmly.

Saud said he looked forward to talks with Mr. Eisenhower that would be marked by the "same degree of frankness" indicated by the President in his invitation to the Arab ruler.

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Fight-If-Must Policy Sails Through House

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House today overwhelmingly approved President Eisenhower's "fight if we must" plan to protect the Middle East from Russian aggression.

Passage was by a roll call vote of 335 to 61. Approval came after the House rejected, by a standing vote of 191 to 48, an attempt to kill the resolution by sending it back to the House Foreign Relations Committee. The measure now goes to the Senate where it faces a stormy course.

Mr. Eisenhower requested the measure to strengthen his hand in dealing with the crisis in the oil-rich Middle East and the danger of Communist penetration of the area.

The House voted him substantially what he asked: 1. Authority to use U.S. military forces, if necessary, to resist Communist aggression against any nation in the Middle East which seeks our help in meeting such an attack.

'Very Unwise' Statement, He Says

WASHINGTON (UP) — President Eisenhower said today that Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson's "drill dodging" statement about the National Guard was very unwise.

Mr. Eisenhower told his news conference that the men who joined the National Guard certainly could not have been slackers when they entered the Guard under proper provisions of law.

Wilson told a House Armed Services Subcommittee Monday that the National Guard was a "sort of scandal" during the Korean War; that some young men were using it as a "drill dodging business."

Wilson stuck to his charge Tuesday after a conference with Mr. Eisenhower. Wilson told reporters his language may have been tough but that it was an accurate account of the situation.

Other highlights at the President's meeting with reporters today. He strongly defended his conference here with King Saud of Saudi Arabia and the possible visit of Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia to this country. He said he deplores any discourtesy shown to visitors who came here as representatives of governments and in an effort to ameliorate difficulties. This was a reference to New York Mayor Robert F. Wagner's snub to Saud Tuesday.

2. He said he would not run again even if Congress changed the 22nd amendment which limits a President to two terms in office. High in Praise of Dulles. 3. He was unrestrained in his praise of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. As for Democratic charges that Dulles' actions in the past had contributed to Middle

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MOST ICE IN 7 YEARS Oregon About Out Of Big Freeze-up

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. Western Oregon waters were frozen as they hadn't been for seven years when Weather Bureau forecasters Wednesday said they were confident the worst was over.

Where predicted on roads—31-year-old Henry Bowditch broke a leg when his blood work went wrong on Portland's Lewisville. Push past Tuesday night—civics were frozen and thousands of workers had to turn to unemployment aid because their plants were closed.

But in Western Oregon Wednesday night snow will be seen for a little while, and then warming air will have the snow to melt, the forecasters said.

The moderating of temperatures will continue over a period of three to five days with several more snow showers for several days in Western Oregon. "The heavy cold spell created the Klamath River, it's north coastal stream to be broken down to high water by the break in the weather," said a forecast. "A forecast of 50 to 60 degrees, beyond that, the snow will melt and the weather will be very pleasant for the winter."

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North, South Meet in Harmony Tonight

Instrumental groups from North and South Salem high schools will get together on a friendly basis tonight as signaled by South Drum Major Jim Walls and North Drum Major Louise Henderson. The occasion will be the second annual Wood-orchestra festival to be presented in the South gym at 8:15. Bands and orchestras from both schools will participate. (Capital Journal Photo)

200 Students Take Part in Musical Fete

More than 200 North and South Salem High school musicians will take part in the second annual wood-orchestra festival in South Salem gymnasium at 8:15 this evening.

Each of the four units will perform individually and these will be considered for four numbers. Proceeds from admission will be divided between the two high schools to provide funds for the music departments for such things as uniforms.

Directors of the musical units are Victor Palmason, South Salem orchestra; Ross Withner, North Salem band; Brubaker McClinton, North Salem orchestra and Wood-House Johnson, South Salem band. The festival was originated last year at the suggestion of the director of the musical groups.

20 Officials to Meet On Bus Lines' Plight

Operating reverses difficulties of City Transit Lines have received such an acute state that a conference of over 20 officials of Salem and Eugene has been called here Thursday to see what can be done about it.

City Transit Lines, a private concern, operates the street bus systems of both cities. Its routes, rates and schedules are fixed largely by approval of the city councils.

DO YOU KNOW— That the great best, the March Day, can only be traced through a prize sweep by U-200? Read The FBI Story See. 2—Page 3