

THE WEATHER

GRADUALLY CLEARING with patches of late night and early morning fog; becoming mostly fair and sunny, Tuesday. Low tonight, 37; high Tuesday, 58.

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Salvage Crew Clears Major Suez Obstacle

Tug Raising Opens Canal to Ships Of 20,000 Tons; Dag Mission at End, Gaza Outlook Dismal

CAIRO (AP) — A U.N. salvage team today raised the sunken tug Edgar Bonnet, the last obstacle to passage of 20,000-ton ships through the Suez Canal.

The 841-ton tug was to be towed away during the next several days but there was no official word yet when Egypt will open the 103-mile waterway to 20,000-ton ships, about 75 per cent of the canal's normal traffic before it was blocked during the invasion last fall.

Can Skirt Frigate
The 1,461-ton Egyptian frigate Abukir still partially blocks the southern entrance to the canal, but the 20,000-tonners can skirt this obstacle. U. N. officials have said the Abukir should be cleared by April 10 and that the waterway will then be open to all ships that formerly used it.

U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's mission to Cairo meanwhile, neared its end amid indications Egypt would make some concessions on operation of the canal. But the outlook on the disputed Gaza Strip remained dark.

The Egyptian Middle East News Agency said Hammarskjold and President Nasser had reached an understanding on the future of the canal. A spokesman for the secretary general warned, however, that the report should be "treated with caution." He said the U.N. official was in no position to make any formal agreement with Egypt since he was only the "bearer of good offices" and not a party to the canal dispute.

Won't Sign Pact
At the same time, informed Arab sources said Egypt was unwilling to sign any pact keeping the U.N. Emergency Force on the demarcation line unless Israel agrees to stationing of UNEF troops on her side of the frontier. Egypt is also demanding that Israel quit the El-Auja demilitarized zone, between the Egyptian Sinai Desert and Israel's Negev, as provided in the 1949 armistice. (Continued on Page 5, Column 2)

Prosecution Winds Up in Cramer Trial

KLAMATH FALLS (UP) — The state rested its case in the first degree murder trial of Guy Earl Cramer, 75, welfare recipient, today and the defense announced its first witness would be the elderly defendant.

The prosecution wound up its case after Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg ruled against admission of a typed transcript of a statement taken from Cramer and signed by him a short time after his arrest.

The judge did allow June Hodges, secretary to District Attorney Richard Beasley, to read shorthand notes she took of the interrogation of Cramer to the jury.

Cramer is accused of premeditated murder in the death of Fred Peterson, county welfare commissioner chairman. Peterson was killed when Cramer drew a gun and opened fire during a commission hearing last Jan. 4. Two other officials were injured by the gun fire.

Bennett Seeks To Leave State

PORTLAND (AP) — Clifford O. Bennett asked the grand jury Monday to excuse him two or three days to take care of personal affairs.

He asked Asst. State Atty. Gen. Ralph Wyckoff Sunday to let him leave the state until Wednesday morning. But Wyckoff said only the grand jury could excuse Bennett from his subpoena.

Bennett has been under subpoena since last Monday after his arrest on a Crook County warrant charging him in connection with prostitution in Prineville.

Bennett operated the gambling establishment in north Portland where Mayor Terry Schrumk, then county sheriff, was accused of taking a \$500 bribe for letting it operate. Both Schrumk and Bennett have denied this.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 53; minimum today, 41. Total 24-hour precipitation, .41. For month, 8.75; normal, 3.68. Season precipitation, 23.41; normal, 23.23. River: Willamette, 10. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau)

LATE FLASHES

JERUSALEM, Israel (UP) — Israeli sources said today U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold had failed in his mission to Cairo and that the West now would have to adopt a tougher attitude toward Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser.

LONDON (UP) — Supply Minister Aubrey Jones announced today that newspapermen will be allowed to view Britain's forthcoming H-bomb tests if accommodations can be made available in time. This apparently was the government's answer to a number of British press reports that the British H-bomb is not yet ready or not really an H-bomb.

NEVADA TRIPS DISCOURAGED

Senate Votes Cooloff Period for Divorces

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
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The Oregon Senate voted unanimously Monday for legislation providing for a cooling off period that it hopes will reduce Oregon's high divorce rate.

At the same time, it approved bills to discourage Oregonians from going to Nevada to get divorces, and to reduce from six months to 70 days the period during which divorced persons can't remarry.

All three bills went to the House. The cooling off bill provides that a judge, except in emergencies, can't grant a divorce on grounds of cruelty or drunkenness within 60 days after the suit is filed.

Beck to Show Up in Capital, Duff Promises

WASHINGTON (UP) — Dave Beck's lawyer said today that the chief of the powerful Teamsters Union "positively" will appear before the Senate Rackets Committee at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

But the lawyer, former Sen. James H. Duff (R-Pa.), declined to say whether Beck will bring his personal financial records with him.

"As his lawyer, I am not going to discuss anything about his records," Duff told the United Press. "And I can't tell you anything about his present whereabouts. But I can tell you that he positively will be there at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. There is no doubt about it. Any reports to the contrary are completely untrue."

"I don't say I imagine he will be there," Duff added vigorously. "I know he will be there. You can take my positive assurance that he will be there. I can't make any other statement."

Beck, who had played hard to get with the Senate investigators for weeks, played hide and seek with newsmen over the weekend.

He originally was scheduled to arrive here from Seattle this morning aboard a United Air Lines plane. But late Sunday night, Beck's secretary in Seattle cancelled his reservation. There were rumors that he might have slipped into some other city, possibly even have gone to Canada, to catch a plane for Washington.

U. P. Halting Its Trains in Denver

PORTLAND (UP) — Pacific's Portland Rose trains, which go east to Kansas City by way of Denver, are being halted at Denver because of blizzards, the railroad's office here reported Monday.

The City of Portland, a Portland-Chicago train, is not affected as its route runs north of the most severe storm area.

Not Bad Spelling, Just Bad Joke



"Quit Please" signs hanging outside House and Senate chambers greeted those arriving early at the Capitol Monday morning. It could have been a misspelling, but the message is still appropriate. Vern Drager, Senate sergeant-at-arms, reads a sign with amusement before pulling it down. Someone apparently put up the signs as a joke. (Capitol Journal Photo)

Ike Briefs Solons on '2' Parley U.S. Will Supply Guided Missiles To Britain

(Also see story on page 2, section 1)

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower summoned top Democrats and Republicans in Congress to a 4 p.m. briefing Monday on the Bermuda conference.

The White House announced that the President, Vice President Nixon and Secretary of State Dulles will participate in the discussions.

It described them as aimed to ward bringing members of both parties in Congress up to date on Eisenhower's meeting with Prime Minister Macmillan of Great Britain.

Nixon spent 40 minutes Monday morning reporting informally to Eisenhower on his 22-day good will trip to Africa and Italy.

Eisenhower flew back Sunday from Bermuda. A reporter said that some of those on hand at the airport when he arrived thought the Chief Executive looked "quite fatigued."

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said he supposed all of those who took part in the conference feel a little tired. But outside of that, he said, Eisenhower is feeling fine.

Hagerty repeated that the President has shaken off a head cold and ear trouble but still has an occasional coughing spell which his doctors expect to continue "for a while."

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2 Ex-Cons and Midget Blamed For Burglaries

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (UP) — Police today blamed a three-month series of safe-crackings here on two ex-convicts and a 16-year-old midget they used to gain access to buildings by slipping through small holes.

Officers said statements admitting the safe-crackings were signed last night by Charles Whitsell Jr., 45-pound, 3-foot-3 Passenville farm youth, and two Evansville men, Charles Hale, 39, and Charles E. Bodell, 20.

Detective Sergeants Jess Julian and Jack Weber said the teenage midget participated in 25 of the 40 safe-crackings which the two men admitted. He squeezed through small openings cut in ceilings and then opened a door for his bigger partners, the officers said.

Hale and Bodell were to be charged today with one of the safe-crackings, police said. The boy was to be turned over to juvenile authorities.

Police reported they recovered only \$100 of an estimated \$18,000 taken in the series of safe-crackings that began last December. The burglaries became so common that Mayor J. Vance Harke cancelled leaves and days off for all city policemen.

Netters Poise To Dip Smelt

PORTLAND (UP) — Portlanders were preparing dip nets Monday for their regular assault on smelt in the Sandy River.

Dip-netting will become legal Tuesday, after a 24-hour closed period. The first smelt appeared off the mouth of the Sandy just ahead of the closed period.

Some Portlanders managed to get smelt in the Columbia, near the mouth of the Sandy, on Sunday. The Sandy River is the favorite spot for dip-netting, however, because the narrower channel there makes it easier to get at the small fish from the banks.

Conrad Flies Atlantic Solo

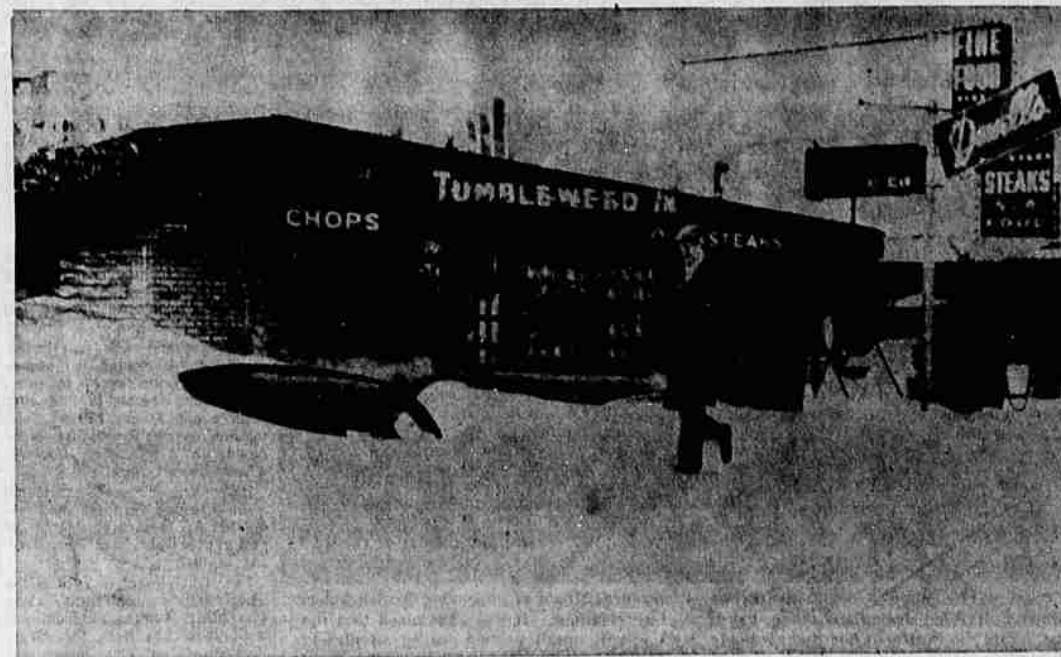
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The flying song writer from Winona, Minn., landed at Shannon Airport on Ireland's west coast after a 12-hour, 50-minute flight in a twin-engine Piper Apache. He took off from Gander, Nfld.

The 54-year-old veteran of 33,000 flying hours is delivering the plane to Gruener-Druck Co. of Garmisch-Partenkirchen in West Germany.

Worst Spring Storm in 30 Years Still Lashes Plains

Autos Snowed In at Amarillo Inn



AMARILLO, Texas—Mr. J. B. Hill of Urbana, Ill., walks across snow covered cars in front of Tumbleweed Inn and eating place as he was forced to stop over and stay in Amarillo until roads can be cleared for traveling. (AP Wirephoto)

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The present corporation income and excise tax rates would be extended through June 30, 1958 under the bill sent to the Senate floor by the committee.

These rates will drop automatically next Monday—April 1—unless the extension measure is signed by the President before then.

Eisenhower asked for a year's extension, but the administration agreed to go along with the 15-month period after Finance Committee members said they wanted to put the tax law on the same basis as the government's fiscal year.

The House previously passed a one-year extension, but its leaders have notified Chairman Byrd (D-Va.) of the Finance Committee they will accept the July 1, 1958, date.

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Salem Woman Killed As Train Strikes Car

A Salem woman died in the wreckage of her car Sunday night after the car was struck by a train at the Mission street crossing of the Southern Pacific tracks.

Mrs. Florence Hinton Preston, 64, 1645 Mill St., was believed on her way to work as a nurse's aide at the State's Fairview Home when the fatal accident occurred.

According to investigating city police, Mrs. Preston was southbound on 14th street, which parallels the tracks, and made a right turn to cross the tracks when her car was hit at 10:45 p.m. by the southbound freight train.

Traffic Toll 4 Over Weekend

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Traffic mishaps killed four persons in Oregon over the weekend.

One car plunged into the McKenzie River near Springfield Friday night, carrying Mrs. Mary E. Taylor, Springfield, to her death. The car's tracks were notified Saturday, but because of the swift current and deep water, the car could not be located and raised until Sunday. The body was found inside.

Lumber Mart Getting Better

SPOKANE (UP) — The president of the Intermountain Logging Conference said Monday the Northwest lumber market has improved a little in recent weeks and should get better later in the year.

But Burton W. Schmidt of Greer, Idaho told 1,000 delegates to the 19th annual meeting here that the market is still not good and that many woods operations have been closed down.

Strauss Rates Atomic Plant Blowup Hazard as Very Tiny

WASHINGTON (UP) — The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) today said Monday the chances of being killed by an atomic power plant running wild would be thousands of times less than the hazards of auto accidents.

AEC Chairman Lewis L. Strauss gave the House-Senate Atomic Energy Committee estimates by scientists who, he said, figured the "most pessimistic" combinations of possibilities.

Strauss said that if there were 100 large power reactors in operation in the United States, there would be "less than one chance in 50 million of getting killed in any year in a reactor accident."

Court Forbids Virginia Delay Of Integration

WASHINGTON (UP) — The Supreme Court Monday rejected Virginia's attempts to delay desegregation of its public schools. The tribunal did so by refusing to review lower court orders directing the admission of Negro pupils to public schools in Charlottesville and Arlington County.

The orders, by U. S. District judges previously had been upheld by the U.S. Circuit Court in Richmond. They were appealed to the high tribunal by Atty. Gen. J. Lindsay Almond of Virginia.

Newest Judge Joins Tribunal

WASHINGTON (UP) — Charles Evans Whitaker Monday became an associate justice of the Supreme Court.

The 56-year-old Kansas City, Mo., jurist succeeds Justice Stanley F. Reed, who retired.

Shortly before Justice Warren stood before Chief Justice Warren and swore to uphold and defend the Constitution against all enemies. The justices then marched to their places in the public court chamber, where Whitaker took the judicial oath — promising to give equal justice without respect to persons.

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7,500 in Cars, 400 on Train Marooned

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The worst spring blizzard in 30 years continued to rage in the Midwest Monday, paralyzing transportation and crippling communications in many sections of eight states.

One major train, carrying 400 passengers, and an estimated 7,500 highway travelers were reported stranded, but none were believed in danger.

Five deaths were attributed to the storm.

Mired in 18-Foot Drifts
The train was the Union Pacific's City of St. Louis, westbound from St. Louis to Los Angeles. It was mired in drifts ranging up to 18 feet near Winona, Kan., about 50 miles from the Colorado line. Snowplows were expected to reach it later Monday.

Another train, the Rock Island's eastbound Golden State Limited, carrying 92 passengers, was reached by rescue parties early Monday and all aboard taken to Meade, Kan. The train had been snowbound by drifts up to 15 feet between Meade and Plains, Kan., since Sunday. Six coaches of the train were reported covered completely by snow.

The Weather Bureau at Kansas City reported the storm was causing high winds and heavy snows Monday morning in northern Missouri and southern Iowa as it moved toward Illinois and Indiana. Snow also was still falling in parts of Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska. Conditions had eased somewhat in Colorado, New Mexico and Texas.

More Snow Forecast
Forecasts for more heavy snow were in effect from northeastern Kansas and neighboring sections of Nebraska eastward into parts of Iowa, Michigan and Indiana. Accumulations of from 8 to 10 inches were predicted for parts of Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri with generally lesser amounts expected over affected portions of Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and lower Michigan. North central Indiana had freezing rain and snow.

The snow belt was fringed to the south by rain.

Despite the immediate hardships resulting from the three-day storm, farmers are pleased the moisture. In some areas it was sufficient to bring expression of belief that the prolonged drought had been broken.

Ranchers, however, feared huge livestock losses.

Many cities were left without power or telephone service as the wind and heavy drifts snapped lines by the thousands.

Not Too Cold
Temperatures were not severe — generally only a few degrees below freezing — thus minimizing chances that serious injury would be suffered by marooned travelers. Estimates of stranded motorists included 1,800 in New Mexico, 1,600 in Colorado, 1,200 in Kansas, 1,000 in Texas, and uncounted hundreds in Nebraska and Iowa.

Omaha was choked by 14 inches of snow and the fall continued Monday morning in the teeth of a 36-mile-an-hour wind. Lincoln, 60 miles southwest, had a similar situation. Schools in both cities were closed and some business houses failed to open.

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