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PARTLY CLOUDY tonight, becoming mostly sunny, little warmer Wednesday. Low tonight, 38; high Wednesday, 65.

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Senate Approves Elimination of Death Penalty

1958 Vote By People Is Set Up

House Certain to Accept Slight Change

BY PAUL W. HARVEY JR. Associated Press Writer

The Oregon Senate voted unanimously Tuesday to remove the death penalty from the state Constitution.

The action means that the people will vote in November, 1958, on the amendment.

However, the resolution must go back to the House for consideration of a Senate change.

The House has voted to keep the death penalty only for life

terminers who commit murder while in prison. The Senate removed this provision, voting instead to eliminate the death penalty entirely from the Constitution.

Expected to Cancel

The House is expected to concur in the Senate change.

A companion bill, which would go into effect if the people favor the resolution, provides that any person convicted of first degree murder would have to serve 15 years before he could be paroled.

Such a parole could be granted only by unanimous action of the Parole Board.

Elimination of the death penalty from the Constitution would permit the Legislature to pass a law prescribing the death penalty.

Oregon has had the death penalty since it became a state in 1859, except between 1914 and 1920.

There have been 57 executions since the state.

Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D), Milwaukie, argued that the death penalty doesn't prevent murder, and that "it is contrary to the religious principles of most Americans."

Rates Compared

He said that the national average homicide rate per year is 8.1 per 100,000 population, while it is only 2.3 in states which don't have the death penalty.

He told of cases in which innocent persons have been threatened with execution, adding that "because it is hard to get most juries to inflict the death penalty, many first degree murders go unpunished."

"Redemption and restoration to useful life is our motive, rather than mere punishment," he concluded.

Over in the House, the Republicans failed again in their effort to take away from the Tax Committee the Senate-passed bill to remove the state from the property tax field. The vote was 33-27.

Senate Votes Forest Post

The Senate passed and sent to the governor a bill to create the position of forest protection and conservation director. He would supervise research for protection, rehabilitation and management of forest lands.

The Senate also completed legislative action on a bill to permit application for election recounts to be filed up to 10 days after the official canvass of results.

Such applications now must be filed within seven days after an election.

Cost of Living

Creeps Higher

For 7th Month

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government reported Tuesday that living costs rose two-tenths of one percent in March to another new high. It was the seventh straight month of record costs.

The Labor Department said a slight decline in food prices, mainly for dairy and pork products, was more than offset by increases of all other major groups of consumer goods and services.

The March living cost hike means wage increases for 1,400,000 workers whose pay rates are geared partly to changes in the government's index. This amounts to an annual payroll boost of about \$7.5 million dollars for these workers.

One million railroad workers are to get an added three cents an hour effective May 1. The other groups of workers—due to get smaller hourly pay raises of one to two cents an hour—are in the electrical, aircraft and textile manufacturing industries and in construction.

The Labor Department also reported that average weekly earnings of factory workers in March, after deduction of federal taxes, dropped by a little more than 30 cents, to \$74.65 for a worker with three dependents and \$67.25 for a single worker.

PRESSURE ON EGYPT

Dulles Plans To Hand Suez Issue to UN

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles said Tuesday the question of operating the Suez Canal will be placed quickly before the United Nations Security Council, possibly Wednesday or Thursday.

Dulles also told a news conference the United States has no objection to American ships going through the canal, but advises that tolls be paid under protest.

The secretary of state refused to speculate on what the United States might do if Egypt rejects the Suez formula adopted by the Security Council and pressed by the United States in talks at Cairo.

Ike Reaffirms Disarm Talks Success Hope

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower Tuesday reaffirmed the United States is confident that "controls and reduction of arms are possible, desirable and in the last reckoning, indispensable."

The President's view was set forth in a statement issued at his vacation headquarters after he had conferred for 75 minutes with Harold E. Stassen, his disarmament adviser.

Stassen flew to Augusta from Washington for the conference and made ready to start back to London later in the day for resumption of United Nations disarmament talks there Wednesday.

Those talks, which started last month and recessed over the Easter weekend, have caused United States officials to be cautiously hopeful that Russia finally may be ready to take some small first step toward bringing the East-West atomic weapons race under international control.

A statement issued after the Eisenhower-Stassen conference at the Augusta National Golf Club was carefully worded to guard against any idea of excessive optimism.

2 Teeners Die As Log Truck And Auto Ram

EUGENE (AP)—Two high school students were fatally injured and two others seriously injured Monday evening when their car collided with a log truck on the McKenzie Highway, about 45 miles east of here.

Killed were Dick Hornbeck, 17, son of a McKenzie Bridge forest ranger, and Linda McMullin, 15, daughter of a McKenzie River guide.

Seriously injured were Linda Bunell, 14, of Leaburg, who suffered two broken legs and other injuries, and Tim Graves, 17, Leaburg, who suffered a broken leg and possible skull fracture.

The Hornbeck youth was pinned in the auto wreckage for over an hour and died about 15 minutes after reaching a hospital in Springfield. The McMullin girl died at 2 a. m., about 8 hours after the crash.

State police said the car collided with a log truck driven by Mitchell Carlton, of Blue River, who was not hurt. The teenagers had just left McKenzie High School, following a baseball game.

\$60,000 HERMISTON FIRE

HERMISTON (AP)—A fire swept through the interior of Sterrett's Decor Center here Monday evening with loss estimated unofficially at \$60,000.

NOTE BRINGS RESCUE

LONDON Miss Held Captive in Dugout 105 Days by Inventor

LONDON (AP)—A 28-year-old

brunette claims an eccentric inventor held her captive for 105 days in a dugout beneath the back garden of his suburban home.

Police removed Marjorie Jordan from the underground den yesterday after a neighbor found a penciled note asking for help.

Claims She Agreed

Her captor, John Bridal, 26, told reporters:

"She was not brought here under force, but she needed some persuading. She was not enthusiastic but agreed to help me with my experiments. I did not keep her against her will, except for the first few days."

In a statement to detectives, however, Miss Jordan declared Bridal, a complete stranger, kidnapped her from her bedroom in a lodging house two miles from her home the night of Jan. 7.

She said he taped her mouth, put her on the roof of his motorcycle and took her to the underground room. Reached by a shaft made from a large pipe, the room was 10 feet long, 4 feet wide and 7 feet high. The shaft exit was secured by a screw-down cover of the manhole type.

"He said, 'I need an assistant for some experiments I am going to make on metal work and machinery,'" Miss Jordan reported.

Guarded Washroom

"He would come to the room each night and let me come up to his house. He would stand guard outside the bathroom door while I washed. Then he would lead me back to the room."

"He got an electric stove and fixed up current in the hole and then, every day, he would lower down food which he bought from shopping lists I made out for him."

Flood to Hit Waco, Rout 6000

Northeast Texas Deluged by Six Inch Rain

WACO, Tex. (UP)—Hundreds of persons fled their homes in this Central Texas city of 100,000 today and officials feared that as many as 6,000 residents may have to evacuate their dwellings within a few hours to escape floods.

Fed by torrential rains, the Brazos River which flows through the city's eastern side was rising a foot every 15 minutes. Authorities said there was a possibility it may flood out the entire eastern side of Waco.

Flooding by Afternoon

Civilian and military authorities met in emergency session to plan the evacuation if it should become necessary. It was feared that the river may start spilling out of its banks by midafternoon.

Waco was the worst hit city in a four-county Central Texas area for which Civil Defense and disaster relief headquarters in Austin issued possible flash flood warnings.

Torrential rains deluged the northeastern quarter of Texas. As much as six inches fell on the headwaters of the Brazos since midnight.

Some of the 6,000 persons who would be endangered by a flood here already had left their homes.

Airmen Stand By

Airmen from James Connally Air Force Base were standing by in case it becomes necessary to move residents from their homes in the eastern part of the city.

Dallas and Fort Worth suffered heavy flooding and flood warnings were issued for both the Brazos and Trinity rivers.

Record rains flooded low places in Fort Worth. In the suburb of Kennedale, southeast of Fort Worth, Village Creek was seven feet deep and rising steadily. Creeks near both Lake Worth and White Settlement were spilling over their banks.

None Hurt as Blast Wrecks Albany Office

ALBANY, Ore. (AP)—A blast that was felt all over town destroyed the Albany Propane Gas Co. office here Monday but no one was hurt.

A dozen employees had quit work only 10 minutes before the explosion demolished the 50-by-50 foot building at 5:40 p. m.

One or two tubes of bottled gas at the back of the building had blown up. Fire Chief Don Hayne reported. He estimated damage at more than \$25,000.

The structure was located on U. S. Highway 99 near the southern city limits. Glass from broken windows was scattered over the four-lane highway, but it was cleaned up quickly and traffic was not delayed.

Offices, displays and appliances were housed in the building. There were several small storage tanks outside, but they were not affected.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 65; minimum 42. Total 24-hour precipitation, 1.91 inch; for month, 1.91 inch; normal, 35.49. River height, 3.5 of a foot. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

Dr. Schweitzer Asks Atom Ban

OSLO (UP)—Dr. Albert Schweitzer, humanitarian and holder of the Nobel Peace Prize, appealed today for an end to nuclear arms tests.

"We must regard every increase in the existing danger through further creation of radioactive elements by atomic bomb explosions as a catastrophe for the human race," the 82-year-old medical missionary to Africa declared.

He addressed his message to the peoples of the world. It was broadcast from Oslo, where the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded, and rebroadcast in several languages.

Twister Hit Gervais Once

Population of Gervais may not be large but since its early days it has acquired the reputation of being a prosperous community.

The town was the scene of a twister in 1881 which moved a house 20 feet from its foundation and sucked sheep and fencing 20 feet in the air.

Read about these and other interesting facts about Gervais in Ben Maxwell's story of the city on Page 3, Sec. 2.

Late Flashes

LONDON (AP)—Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd Tuesday sued his wife for divorce on charges of adultery. His lawyers announced that Mrs. Lloyd is not contesting the suit. The foreign secretary cited as co-respondent a man named Martin Lubbock, not further identified.

SWEET HOME, Ore. (AP)—The idle sawmill of Clear Lumber Co. here was destroyed by a swift-burning fire Tuesday morning. Firemen held the flames to the mill proper, saving stacks of lumber and adjacent buildings.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Air Force was reported Tuesday to have made another unsuccessful attempt to fire a Thor 1,500-mile-range ballistic missile.

Sheriff Aide, Women Called To Probe Quiz

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate rackets probes said Tuesday they have summoned two alleged prostitutes and a sheriff's deputy from Portland, Ore., for public questioning Wednesday concerning vice in Portland.

The committee is exploring charges that some Teamsters Union officials from Seattle tried to seize control of rackets and vice in Portland.

Robert F. Kennedy, committee counsel, said one of the women summoned is Kathleen Weeks. She had been mentioned in prior hearings as a "convicted prostitute" who had information about gambler James (Big Jim) Eklins, main accuser of the Seattle Teamsters officials.

The name of the other woman was not disclosed. Kennedy said the women have signed sworn statements which Portland Mayor Terry D. Schunk had sought unsuccessfully to offer in evidence at the earlier hearings.

Kennedy said the other witness summoned for the single day of hearings Wednesday is George Minelli, who was chief criminal investigator in the Multnomah County sheriff's office when Schunk was sheriff. He held that office for seven years prior to his election last year as mayor.

The subpoena for Minelli had been disclosed in Portland Monday. Schunk said in Portland he had been told to come to Washington with Minelli, but the notice was later cancelled.

City to Earn \$83,841 Investing Bond Cash

By DOUGLAS SEYMOUR Capital Journal City Editor

Through the solving of a jigsaw-like puzzle, the City of Salem will receive \$83,841 in interest payments through reinvestment of money received last week from the record water bond sale.

City Manager Kent Matheson reported to the City Council Monday night that \$3,617,808.93, bonds from the sale of the bonds, has been put into U. S. government securities.

The puzzle came in determining exactly how much money would be needed for the project at specific dates and then acquiring the government securities maturing at those times which would bring the greatest yields. In all five issues were purchased, all yielding in excess of 3 per cent interest.

The last of the issues will mature June 15, 1958. At that time the remaining money will be placed in 30, 60 or 90-day U. S. notes, Matheson explained.

Study on the best means of investing the money was made by City Finance Officer Howard Brandvold while determination of the dates on which the money would be needed was made by John Geren, water department manager, and Lloyd Clark, consulting engineer on the project.

Matheson expressed the city's thanks to Fred Paulus and to local bank officials for their help in the problem.

Henry Corbett Dies on Train

PORTLAND (UP)—Henry L. Corbett, 75, prominent Portland businessman, died while en route to Portland on the Southern Pacific's train Cascade Monday night, railroad officials were informed today.

Corbett, a director of Southern Pacific, and his wife were en route to Portland from Santa Barbara, Calif.

Corbett was active in many civic enterprises here over the years. He was an ex-Oregon state senator, president of the Corbett Investment Company and a former port commissioner.

Funeral services will be held in Portland at the First Unitarian Church Thursday afternoon.

Survivors include the widow, two sons and two daughters: State Sen. Alfred H. Corbett and Henry L. Corbett Jr., both Portland; Helen Corbett, New York City; and Mrs. Howard Morgan, Salem.

U.S. Pilot Rescues Son Of Chinese Millionaire From Reds in 'Thriller'

Ground Broken for Judson Junior High



Construction of the new Judson Junior High in South Salem got under way Tuesday morning when the first shovelful of earth was turned by Gardner Knapp, chairman of the school board. Watching the school get started are Charles Schmidt,

superintendent of schools, and Victor Gibson of the Citizens' Advisory Committee. In the background are other school board members, Harry Scott, Ray Cates and Mrs. Edith Brydon. (Capital Journal Photo)

Work on New Judson Junior High Is Begun

Construction of the new \$1,207,000 Judson Junior High School building is now under way. Gardner Knapp, chairman of the school board, turned the first shovelful of earth Tuesday morning in official ground breaking ceremonies.

General contractor for the building, which will be located at Hrubetz and Jones roads between Liberty road and Highway 90E, is Paul B. Emerick Co. of Portland.

Judson is one of two junior high buildings authorized by the school board. The other, to be known as Waldo, is to be located on Lansing avenue near Silverton road. Both will be ready for the 1958 school year.

Considerable delay was encountered in getting the buildings started because the first bids were in excess of the money available for the two projects.

The delay means that a staggered system of classes will be necessary next fall at Parrish and Leslie junior highs.

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Cloak-Dagger Hunan Trip Related

TOKYO (AP)—An American pilot told Tuesday how he and another American flew deep into Red China this month and rescued the son of a wealthy Chinese businessman from Communist hands.

Henry Bush, 42, a mild-spoken graying man of 19 years flying, related the details of the eight-hour adventure into Hunan Province and out. The rescue of the boy, who had been held as hostage, was accomplished without incident.

Like a Movie

The rescue, as Bush told it, had all the elements a movie producer would want—a beautiful Chinese girl go-between, a secret meeting at a Chinese restaurant, delivery of a map with the flight plan to a hotel room in Hong Kong, a midnight boat trip to Portuguese Macao, and a dawn takeoff.

After the adventure, Bush said, a Chinese he presumed to be the father presented him with a gold watch, a sapphire ring and some boxes and art objects which "look very old and very valuable." But he and his companion refused \$10,000 they had been offered for the flight.

"I don't want to get into any dispute with Uncle Sam about this," he said. "Anyway it was a mission of mercy."

Bush is a pilot with the government-owned Venezuelan airline, Linea Aeropostal Venezolana. He is on a seven-month vacation tour.

Made Flight April 5

He said the unauthorized flight was made April 5 from the Portuguese colony of Macao, on the south coast of the Chinese mainland, in a PBV amphibious aircraft. He declined to reveal the markings on the aircraft he used, but said all the instrument markings were in English.

He also would not disclose the name of his companion because the man is employed by an airline in Southeast Asia and is married to a Chinese girl.

"He is afraid of possible reprisals if his name is linked to this," said Bush.

Bush also said he did not know the name of the Chinese businessman.

Flying at altitudes of 500 to 1,000 feet most of the way, the plane threaded through valleys to avoid detection, and landed on an unused dirt airstrip in Hunan Province about 350 miles north of Macao.

Hit Strip on Nose

He said he hit the landing strip on the nose with the aid of a flight plan and chart that "wasn't made by amateurs."

Two minutes after the plane landed, a truck with a man and a boy drove onto the strip. The youth, "a bright rose checked boy of about 12 or 13," climbed into the plane, and they took off.

Back in Macao by 1 p. m., they were met by a Chinese junk which took the boy off.

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B. of C. Makes Salary Plea as Doctor Quits

By JAMES D. OLSON Capital Journal Writer

Resignation of Dr. Ried Kimball, director of the out-patient clinic at Oregon State Hospital was announced today and resulted in a strong appeal from the State Board of Control for upward adjustment of salaries in the state institutions.

Col. William Ryan, secretary of the board, was directed to address a letter to the Joint Ways and Means Committee explaining the resignation of Dr. Kimball, who cited inadequate salary as one of his reasons in leaving state service.

Secretary of State Mark Hatfield said he had talked with Dr. Kimball early Tuesday and found that a reduction in the appropriation for the operation of the out-patient clinic was another reason for the resignation.

"Unless the state can pay the top men in our institutions adequate salaries, our medical staff will disintegrate," Hatfield said.

Hatfield urged the board to make a fight for granting of institutional budget requests.

"We may be fighting a losing battle," he said, "but I feel an all-out battle for these budgets is essential. Any new man who steps into Dr. Kimball's position will face the same situation."

Both Gov. Robert D. Holmes and State Treasurer Sig Underander agreed that some effort on the board's part to prevent slashes in institutional budgets was necessary.

Viesko and Post, Salem contractors, won an award of a contract for a 40-bed addition to the inmate cottage at Fairview Home on a low bid of \$58,288.

Ryan called attention of the board to the fact that the low bid of four bids submitted was 12 per cent higher than the costs of the original building contracted for about 18 months ago.