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MOSTLY CLOUDY tonight, Saturday, with occasional showers. Low tonight, 50; high Saturday, 68.

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Slug Grazes 'Look' Chief In Thailand

BANGKOK, Thailand (UP) — Publisher Gardner Cowles and his party narrowly escaped death or injury today when six bullets were fired at a United States Embassy speedboat carrying the party on a sightseeing excursion.

One bullet passed directly beneath a camp chair on which Cowles was seated, passing between his legs and smashing into the bulkhead within inches of news correspondent Edward R. Kennedy.

200 YARDS AWAY
The bullets were fired by unidentified assailants using a 30-caliber submachinegun from the shore about 200 yards away.

The launch on which the party was riding is a former U.S. Navy picket patrol boat being used by a Navy attaché and was flying the American flag which was displayed prominently.

The shooting occurred five miles north of Bangkok on the Chao Phya River which is the main waterway of Bangkok. Cowles and nine other Americans were returning from a visit to an

Senators Complete Tax Draft

Personal Income Bill May Go to Floor Saturday

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr., Associated Press Writer

The Senate Taxation Committee finished work Friday on the Democratic personal income tax bill, with expectations of sending it to the Senate floor Saturday morning.

Although a majority of the seven-member committee is opposed to the bill, it looks as though the bill, as amended by the committee Friday, will get out of the committee because the three Republican members indicate they will abstain from voting.

MUSA PROPOSAL REJECTED
The bill would repeal the 45 percent surtax, but incorporate it into the rate structure by making the rates from 4 to 11.6 percent, boost the personal exemption from \$500 to \$600, and change the 2 percent withholding tax from a flat 2 percent to the actual amount the taxpayer owes.

The committee rejected the proposal of Sen. Ben M. M. (D), Dallas, to have a range from 2 to 8 percent and eliminate the federal tax deduction in figuring the state tax.

Musa, a member of the committee, said he would oppose the bill.

At the present stage, it looks as though the committee will vote 3-1 for the bill, with the three Republicans not voting.

RAISES \$149 MILLION
The Tax Committee told the committee Friday that the House bill would raise 149 million dollars in the next biennium. If the bill is defeated, there would be 140 million available from personal income tax sources. The House plan would have raised only 128 million.

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LATE FLASHES

PORTLAND (AP)—Leo Smith, appointed Multnomah County district attorney Thursday by Gov. Holmes, said he would take the oath of office at 2 p.m. Friday. K. C. Tanner, attorney for ousted Dist. Atty. William Langley, said he had sent to Smith a note cautioning him that he has "no legal authority" to the office.

The House Judiciary Committee Friday voted unanimously to table the Senate-passed bill to amend the 1955 Inadvent libel law. This means the bill will die in committee.

Senate joint resolution 20 calling for a vote of the people on amending the state constitution to allow Circuit judges to sit pro tem with the State Supreme Court was approved by the House 34-24 today.

Sub Rescues 10 Airmen From Hawaii Waters

HONOLULU (AP)—The submarine Bream rescued 10 men from a raft early Friday after their Navy P2V patrol plane ditched in the Pacific 170 miles southwest of here.

The downed crewmen were "all uninjured and in good condition," the submarine radioed.

Rescue came after the airmen had been adrift four hours. The Neptune's pilot ditched the plane at 8:40 p.m. when its starboard engine caught fire on a routine training flight.

Crewmen said there was no time for the crippled plane to send out distress signals before it went down.

The Navy praised the pilot for a "spectacular job" of putting the burning plane down on the water and the crew for getting emergency signal aids into the water.

The crew included: Lt. J. F. Ahearn, Framingham, Mass., the pilot; Lt. Robert E. Melhorn, Manchester, N. H., copilot; Lt. (j.g.) Robert L. Burns, Wall, S.D., navigator; Ensign Adrian D. Joki, Red Lodge, Mont., another navigator.

Radioman D. G. Stewart, Portland, Ore.; Radioman T. J. Madigan, Redmond, Wash.; Plane Capt. R. J. Hardesty, Wichita, Kan.; Radioman D. G. Boyer, Payne, Okla.; Ordnanceman C.W. McCabe, Ingleswood, Colo.; Mechanic T. H. Montague, Kyle, Tex.

Building Cash Bills Advance

The Joint Ways and Means Committee today gave final approval to a \$5,067,000 state building program and sent it to the floor of the House.

It also approved seven million dollars to meet higher education building needs.

(See Page 2 for details)

15-18 Pct. Drop Set To Homes

Council Likely To Okay Study Group's Table

A water rate reduction in the average Salem home owner brackets is recommended by the subcommittee of the general water advisory committee, which adopted this and other recommendations of the sub-group at a Thursday meeting.

Little doubt appears that the new rate schedule will be approved by the City Council which must act to make it effective.

IRRIGATION CHANGES
In a readjustment of the rate schedule some revisions upward are made in higher brackets, mainly industrial, to offset the reduction for average users. The readjustment also relieves home owners of the burdensome irrigation cost that resulted when irrigation rates were removed last year.

Among other recommendations is one that multiple dwelling units, such as apartment houses, would be charged on a basis of the number of dwelling units rather than on a basis of one point of delivery.

Members of the subcommittee submitting the report are Peter Gunnar, chairman, Walter Gerth, James Loder, Gerry Frank, David O'Hara, Lewis Mitchell, and Joseph A. H. Dodd. Carroll Meeks is general committee chairman.

YIELD SLIGHTLY DOWN
While the proposed rate schedule would yield an annual total for the water department somewhat less than the present rates, an estimated \$519,188 against \$555,013, it is calculated that it will be enough to finance the department's outstanding bonds, to which \$3,750,000 was added in 1956 to pay for the new Stayton Island-Salem water line.

Not included in the total revenue estimate for the year is approximately \$65,000 that comes from so-called municipal users, namely the State of Oregon, school districts, and others.

For the average user brackets, those ranging from 3,000 to 8,000 cubic feet a month, the reduction as recommended would range from 15 to 18 percent. The reductions extend through the 25,000 cubic foot bracket.

For comparison, present and proposed rate schedules are:
Present—First 200 cubic feet, 40 cents per 100; next 200, 25 cents per 100; next 14,500, 15 cents per 100; next 485,000, 7 cents per 100; over 500,000, 6 cents per 100. The \$120 minimum buys 360 cubic feet.

Proposed—First 500 cubic feet, 30 cents per 100; next 14,500, 12 cents per 100; next 485,000, 7 cents per 100; over 500,000, 6 cents per 100. (Continued on Page 5, Column 3)

Firemen Put Hose to Annual Test



Fire hose of the Salem Fire Department was getting a stiff workout Friday in an annual test which also put men and trucks through some exercise. Water is pumped through the hose and up the high truck ladder to check on each length's pressure capacity. The tests this week were held near the department practice tower on South 21st Street. (Capital Journal Photo by Jerry Clausen)

Higher Taxes Set For Fringe Areas In Reassessment

Higher taxes are in prospect for property owners in Salem fringe areas as a result of action by the county assessor's office. County Assessor Harold Domogalla said Friday that an average 40 percent increase in property assessments has been made in such areas as Keizer, Four Corners, East Salem and the districts south of the city limits.

All of the adjustments were made within the borders of Salem School District No. 24CJ.

TAX RATE EXPLAINED
The assessor explained that taxes will not increase exactly in proportion to the increase in assessed value because with the value of several thousand properties going up, the millage rates will tend to go down.

Exact effect on the individual tax bills will not be known until all of the budgets for the taxing districts are approved.

The suburban growth around Salem has never been assessed proportionately to the city proper, said Domogalla. He pointed out that Salem's fringe areas have grown tremendously, and while they contribute to a large extent to costs of local government, particularly schools, he feels they have not borne their rightful share of the property tax burden.

"Property tax assessments just have never caught up with the rapid growth," he said.

ADJUSTMENTS PLANNED
While adjustments will also be made this year in assessed value for Salem's downtown commercial area, Domogalla said no adjustment is contemplated on residential property within the City of Salem this year. However, the increased assessment in the fringe area will have a lowering effect on city taxes.

The assessor said that notices of increased assessment are being mailed to all affected owners. He emphasized that the notices represent the assessed value, not the amount of tax.

BOTH OLD, NEW 35,000 Feet Of Firehose In Workout

Annual testing of 35,000 feet of firehose will be completed this week by the Salem Fire Department, Chief Bob Mills said today.

The program, carried on at the practice tower area on South 21st street near the city shops, assures that equipment will stand up in emergency use.

Mills explained that old hose is put under water pressure of 200 pounds per square inch to test for leaks, and 400 pounds for new hose.

The department has some hose still good after 20 to 25 years, while some other hose is worn out in 10 years. He explained that some gets used more than other lengths and some becomes exposed to heat, causing faster deterioration.

Hose measuring 2 1/2 inches diameter now costs \$1.50 to \$1.75 a foot; 1 1/2 inch costs \$1.15 to \$1.35 a foot, and booster line about \$1 a foot, he said.

Hose is alternated on trucks every 30 days and used lengths hung to dry in the tower to make them last longer, the chief pointed out.

Dixie Flag Unveiled
RUTHERFORDTON, N.C. (AP)—A 96-year-old Confederate flag made in Rutherford County was unveiled here today during Confederate Memorial Day services.

Military Junta in Command

Rojas Escapes, Whereabouts Still Unknown

By DAVID BELNAP, United Press Staff Correspondent

BOGOTA, Colombia (By Telephone to New York—UP) — President Gustavo Rojas Pinilla resigned and turned over the Colombian government to a five man military junta amid scenes of wild celebration today.

(Colombian circles in New York said they had private advice that police and soldiers in Bogota had opened fire on a crowd demonstrating in Bolivar Square, the center of the city. These sources said there were some 30 casualties.)

The junta promptly announced it would call for and preside over popular elections to choose a president for the 1958-62 period.

It was Rojas Pinilla's action in having his puppet legislature amend the constitution and elect him president for a second term in the face of popular opposition that set off the present crisis.

Popular indignation mounted, rapidly, and Rojas Pinilla attempted to crush it with force. But he finally quit in the pre-dawn hour today, in the face of bank and business strikes which were paralyzing the nation's economy.

The whereabouts of the deposed president was not clear. Various reports put him in the British West Indies, in Venezuela, and in Panama.

Rojas Pinilla was elected in 1954 to a term scheduled to end Aug. 7, 1958. But Wednesday night his hand-picked puppet Assembly elected him to a second term which would have ended in 1962.

There had been violent opposition to his dictatorial moves throughout the country for more than a week, with many persons reported killed by government forces.

CHURCH ACTION
Thursday, high prelates of the Church condemned the government of Rojas Pinilla for "murder" in putting down the opposition. The government had blamed the violence on Communists.

The immediate future of the country was not clear, but a joint civilian-military government was considered a possibility.

As soon as formation of the junta was announced, throngs containing in the center of Bogota shouting, "Viva Free Colombia!" and "Down with the dictator." They also shouted against military rule and called for civilian control.

Someone broke into the balcony of the Capitol Building, ripped two photographs of Rojas Pinilla from the wall and threw them to the crowd in the street below.

The situation came to a head when high officers of the army held a meeting at 3:30 a.m. today. Political circles said both the Conservative and Liberal parties had asked for the formation of a national government, dissolution of the national Assembly and the convocation of free elections.

The military chiefs then decided on the organization of the junta to take over at this point.

Probers Uncover Big Beck Profits In Mortgage Deal

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate rackets investigators developed testimony Friday that Teamsters boss Dave Beck and a mortgage banker split \$11,585 derived from handling a fund raised by unions for the widow of Beck's "best and closest friend."

The Seattle mortgage banker, Donald Hedlund, said Beck handled the transaction for Mrs. Ray Leheny, widow of the man Hedlund said was Beck's best friend.

It was testified Beck handled the deal as trustee for "the Ray Leheny Memorial Fund," about \$80,000 which had been collected from unions after Leheny's death. Leheny formerly was head of the Union Label Department of the American Federation of Labor.

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Maximum yesterday, 72; minimum today, 54. Total 24-hour precipitation, .01; for month, 1.32; normal, .67. Season precipitation, 38.34; normal, 38.9. River height, 2 of a foot. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

MILE FROM LAKE

Rangers Locate 79-Year-Old Man

ROSEBURG (AP)—Two forest rangers Friday morning came upon Andrew Kolstad, 79-year-old man from near Rogue River who had been reported lost since Wednesday morning.

He was on an old logging road, only a mile from Diamond Lake Lodge, high in the Cascades, from which he had walked away two days before.

He appeared to be in good condition. Search for him late Wednesday and all day Thursday had been unavailing, and searchers had almost concluded he had started hitchhiking back to his former home in Minnesota.

But at 8:20 a.m. Friday, Eugene Leist and Chuck McHenry of the Big Camas Ranger Station found him.

Although the general area is one of steeply pitched mountains, the immediate site is comparatively flat and there are some cabins in the region.



Weeks are dragging by in the Oregon legislature and Rep. Winton Hunt, Woodburn, as well as his 89 colleagues, were all down in the mouth Friday as 117th session day set a new record. The old record of 116 was set in 1951. When will the 1957 session end? Some think never, but probably within two weeks. (Capital Journal Photo)

Pendleton Air Crash Kills Two Joyriders

PENDLETON (AP)—A light plane plunged nose-down into a wheat field 18 miles north of here Thursday, and its two occupants were killed.

The victims were identified by Coroner John Walker as Ted Chandler, 32, the pilot, and Robert Norman, 29, both of Tappanish, Wash.

Chandler rented the single-engine plane from Pendleton Skyways for an hour to do some pleasure flying.

Mrs. John Bourne, wife of the Skyways firm operator, said Chandler first took up DeWayne Schaeferman, also of Tappanish, for a 40-minute ride, then returned and pilot up alone.

School Board Joins Planning Council

The Salem School Board decided Thursday night to become affiliated with the Mid-Willamette Valley Planning Council, although some directors felt that the assessment of \$4,250 against the district for the first year's operation was excessive.

The over-all budget for the council has been fixed at \$40,000, a sum which Robert Powell, chairman of the Salem Planning Commission, said was necessary for the proper functioning of the organization.

OTHER AFFILIATES
Other affiliates of the council are the City of Salem, Marion and Polk Counties.

Bids for four new school buses also were taken under advertisement since the variations in designs and equipment must be considered before contracts are let.

June 4 was fixed as the time for opening bids for the enlargement of Salem Heights School. Plans for the project are being prepared by the architect, John G. Groom, who said they would be ready for consideration by next week.

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