

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy with showers tonight and Friday. Continued cool Friday.

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PARKING METERS TO BE INSTALLED IN TWO MONTHS

City Council Signs Contract For 472 Devices; City Improvement Bond Bids Eyed

Signing of a contract for the installation of parking meters in Medford's business district and sale of four issues of bonds to finance various civic improvements, voted by citizens at a recent special election, took place at the meeting of the city council last night.

The parking meter contract was entered into with the Duncan Meter company of Illinois and calls for the installation of 472 meters, the installation to begin in about two months.

Three types of meters will be used, some set for 12-minute parking, some for one-hour and others for two-hour periods.

Bids were opened on bonds to finance the storm sewer project, sanitary sewer construction, park development and for the sewage disposal plant construction.

Successful bidder for \$107,000 of storm sewer bonds was the United States National bank at an average interest rate of approximately 1.75 per cent and this firm also was successful bidder for the \$78,000 sanitary sewer bond issue at the same average interest rate.

Approval of the following city lot sales was also made last night: Lot 4, block 2, Crescent subdivision, to Victor Sether, \$450; lots 1 and 2, Highland Park addition, John P. Hartsock, \$1,000; lot 1, Highway addition, U. S. Tire Stores, Inc., \$550; lot 6, block 2, Tuttle Second addition, Roy Cherry, \$175; lots 13 and 14, block 1, Tuttle Second addition, R. M. Hargrove, \$350; and lot 6, block 9, Laurelhurst addition, F. D. Palmer, \$150.

JAPS NEARLY READY TO BOMB WEST COAST Washington, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—The Japanese had developed planes capable of suicide attacks on Seattle and other west coast points, and such attacks might have materialized in eight or 10 months, Maj. Gen. Barney M. Giles said today.

The attacks would have been made from the Mizutani airfield on Hokkaido, the field from which the three B-29's flew yesterday from Japan to Washington. Giles commanded one of these Superforts.

Giles said the atomic bomb merely gave the Japanese an excuse to quit and an argument which the emperor could use.

PORTLAND POLICE RAP GANGSTER PICTURES Portland, Ore., Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—Portland Police Association local 456, AFL, stood on record today as "unalterably opposed" to screening of gangster films such as "Dillinger" which "tended to glorify cruelty, inhumanity and ruthlessness."

In a resolution to Mayor Earl Riley, Union Secretary John L. Hartley declared the organization condemned the Hollywood films depicting the lives of notorious criminals because they were "detrimental to the morals of American youth."

JAP PAYS RESPECTS Tokyo, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—Shigeru Yoshida new Japanese foreign minister called on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters this afternoon and paid his respects to the supreme allied commander. No details of their conference were announced.

Hollywood, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—Comedian Red Skelton will be discharged from the army Monday and return here for several months' rest before re-entering radio and motion pictures, his business manager and ex-wife, Edna Skelton, said today.

To High Court



The nomination of Sen. Harold O. Burton, R., Ohio, for the supreme court of the United States was approved by the senate yesterday.

CENTRAL PT. VOTE ON WATER BONDS SLATED SATURDAY

Central Point, Sept. 20.—To decide whether or not the city shall be bonded to raise funds for improvement of the city's water system and lay mains to connect with the Medford system, thereby permitting the Medford water commission to sell Central Point surplus water, voters will go to the polls Saturday for a special election.

Two propositions will be on the ballot, the first providing for a bond issue of \$35,000 to lay pipe between Central Point and Medford and the second to bond the city for \$80,000 for extension and repair of mains and laterals.

The present water is obtained from a series of wells and is declared by those favoring the new proposition to be inadequate. They also declare the water from one well has been found unfit for human consumption at various times. The supply is also hard water and the fact that Medford water is soft is considered much in favor of the change.

Under the agreement made with the Medford Water commission Medford would supply Central Point with up to 400,000 gallons a day on a master meter. This will in turn be metered to Central Point users who will pay a minimum charge of \$2.50 a month. The well water will be available in case of emergencies, it is stated.

Polls will be open at the Central Point fire hall between 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. and registered voters residing within the city limits for at least 30 days and in the state for six months may vote.

In addition to the special election, the same day a large community auction is planned by the Business Men's association as a benefit for the Veterans' memorial building now under construction. The auction will begin at 1 p. m. and a dance is scheduled for evening.

FIND BLOOD TYPE Canon City, Colo., Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—A 35-day medical research project in which 49 inmates of Colorado's state penitentiary served as "guinea pigs" was disclosed today to have been successful in developing a universal blood type for use in blood transfusions.

JACKSON COUNTY SOLD \$24,695,604 WORTH OF WAR BONDS Sold in Jackson County Since 1941

Jackson county has sold a total of \$24,695,604 United States war bonds since 1941, according to figures issued by the Oregon War Finance Committee Chairman E. C. Sammons. The totals by years have been:

Table with columns: Year, Series E, Total All Issues. Rows for 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, and Totals.

K. F. MACHINISTS GIVEN PROTECTION BY STATE POLICE

State Troopers and CIO Pickets to Open Lines for Passage of AFL Workers.

Klamath Falls, Ore., Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—State police were patrolling the giant Weyerhaeuser Timber company mill here today, seeing to it that 30 AFL machinists could go to and from their jobs through heavy CIO picket lines "without incidents."

Marshaled at the request of Gov. Earl Snell, the state troopers were stationed at the mill to prevent violence.

The machinists attempted to go through picket lines twice last week, but were turned back on the advice of the Klamath Falls sheriff's office, which warned it could not provide adequate protection.

AFL Not Striking The AFL machinists, kept from their jobs for several days by picketing workers, are not involved in production contracts, but serve as maintenance men, while the CIO union, bargaining agent at the plant, is asking for a closed shop.

CIO workers are striking at the Weyerhaeuser mill and four other operations in the Klamath Falls area, leaving 2200 workers idle.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—A settlement of some nature was hoped for today in the lumber industry after 200 representatives of labor and management met in three precedent shattering meetings Tuesday to find a solution to a wage controversy which is threatening a strike by 60,000 members of the lumber and sawmill workers, AFL in five western states.

Joint Meetings The meetings, a joint session labor and employers, the second with operators alone and the third with the union alone, were held with a special three-man conciliation commission named by Labor Secretary Lewis B. Schwellenbach, consisting of E. P. Marsh, Portland, western regional director of the United States conciliation service; H. H. Lewis, Seattle, and Oliver Goodwin, Los Angeles.

Chairman Marsh said the meetings attracted the largest group of employers ever seen at a conference of the kind, with a good cross section of the lumber industry in the five states affected, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and northern California, present.

GEN. SOMERVELL WOULD QUIT JOB

Washington, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—Gen. Brehon Somervell, commanding general of the Army Service forces, revealed today that he submitted his resignation to Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall on Aug. 18.

Under army regulations, Somervell's resignation must be accepted because he has completed more than 35 years service.

Somervell said he wished to leave the service on the day on which Gen. Marshall vacates his position of chief of staff.

This was taken to indicate that Marshall's retirement as chief of staff is imminent.

All In Army Over Two Years To Be Eligible For Discharge By Late Winter Says Marshall

LANDON CAUSTIC IN CRITICISM OF DEMOBILIZATION

Acheson's Reply to Gen. MacArthur Revealed Lack of Foreign Policy, Is Claim.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—Alf M. Landon charged today that Acting State Secretary Acheson's implied criticism of Gen. Douglas MacArthur revealed lack of foreign policy.

Landon, who paid President Truman a friendly visit on the chief executive's first visit to his Independence home in June and emerged with expressed satisfaction in Mr. Truman's handling of things took off the kid gloves in a statement released today.

Acheson Blasted The republican midwestern spokesman blasted Acheson for his reply to MacArthur's statement on the size of the occupation army needed in Japan and demanded that congress no longer delay exercising its authority to force the speed-up of demobilization.

Landon's statement in part: "Acting Secretary of State Acheson's implied criticism of General MacArthur for greatly delaying demobilization estimates for the army of occupation in the Pacific is very revealing."

"The administration lacks the courage to 'bell the cat' but his statement shows that the foreign policies, or lack of them, by the administration rather than the military are primarily responsible for the shamefully slow demobilization of our citizen army."

Morgenthau Plan Hit "The administration's barbaric and immoral 'Morgenthau plan' was not only responsible for prolonging the European war many months but it also is responsible for the size and duration of the European army of occupation."

"As sure as the sun rises, it is laying the foundation for another war."

"Italy surrendered two years ago, yet the peace treaty is not signed and our soldiers still occupy that country."

BRITISH MOVE TO HEAD OFF UPRISING

Saigon, French Indo-China, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—The British army proclaimed martial law throughout south Indo-China today in a move to head off a threatened uprising by anti-French nationalists.

Maj. Gen. Douglas D. Gracey, commander of British forces in Indo-China, issued a proclamation forbidding the carrying of arms by anyone outside the allied forces.

He announced that crimes against public order would be treated as military offenses and that looters and saboteurs would be executed summarily.

Observers believed the greatest danger of an explosion would come when the French re-enter Indo-China and the Annamites see their last hope of independence vanishing.

Earth's Date With Doom 7:30 a. m. Friday, Claim



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STEPS TAKEN TO KEEP PRISONERS FOR PEAR CROPS

Pear Interests of the Rogue River valley have taken steps for the war department to grant an extension of time for German prisoners of war at Camp White to continue working in the pear harvest, now at its most critical period.

Close to 300 prisoners of war are now engaged in pear harvesting and packing plants, and the removal of them now would further aggravate the local labor shortage.

A dispute at Camp Prescott, headquarters of the Mexican Nationalist, employed in the fruit harvest, first of the week has been adjusted. Cooks at the camp, irked by delay in receiving their pay checks, walked off the job, leaving supper unprepared. They returned to work as soon as they understood reasons for the delay.

BIG FIVE PONDER FINN PEACE PACT

London, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—The Big Five council of foreign ministers opened preliminary discussions today on the drafting of a peace treaty with Finland.

Well-informed sources said proposals for a final settlement were introduced at this morning's council session, paralleling similar negotiations for treaties with Bulgaria and Romania.

These informants said, however, that the council had run into an immediate snag because of the fact that only Russia and Britain actually were at war with Finland.

The question of a Balkan settlement also appeared to be running into difficulties over Russia's reported insistence that both Bulgaria and Romania be represented at the council meeting when their peace treaties come under consideration.

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BASEBALL American Philadelphia 0 6 1 Boston 2 3 0 Black, Berry and Rosar; Heflin and Steiner. Detroit 1 5 4 Cleveland 6 9 2 Benton, Trout, Caster and Swift; Reynolds and Hayes. Washington 1 7 0 New York 6 10 0 Haeffner, Appleton and Ferrell; Page and Robinson. National Boston 3 8 0 Brooklyn 2 8 5 Loggin, Hendrickson and Masi; Gregg, King and Dantonio, Peacock.

Shirley's Wedding One of Fanciest In Hollywood History

Hollywood, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—Shirley Temple, the world's favorite baby star, knew what it meant today to be a war bride—even though the war was over. She had only seven days to be with Sgt. John Agar, Jr., whom she married last night, and where they were honeymooning was anybody's guess.

Agar, 24-year-old army air forces physical training instructor and son of the late Chicago packer, must report to a Utah camp for overseas assignment in just one week. His 17-year-old bride will go back to her parents and to work on a new picture, "Suddenly It's Spring."

Despite a postwar-shortened honeymoon, their wedding was one of the fanciest Hollywood ever has turned out. It was an Episcopal ceremony, held in the swank Wilshire Methodist church because that's the biggest church in town.

A thousand guests—including movie greats and studio workers—watched inside the church.

BOYS NABBED IN YUBA ADMIT ROBBERIES HERE

The sheriff's office received word today from Yuba City, Cal., that two 15-year-old boys arrested there on burglary charges, had admitted recent robberies in this section. It is believed by local authorities they might have been responsible for robberies in this section over the week-end, including the entry of a home south of Ashland, and theft of \$400 from a safe. The youths are residents of the Yuba City district.

DEVEREUX COMING

Washington, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—Maj. James P. S. Devereux, marine commander of the epic Wake Island defense, will take off from Pearl Harbor for his return to the United States at 11 p. m. EWT, today, the marine corps announced.

All Human Bodies Will Vanish; Souls To Wait Judgment

Pasadena, Calif., Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—Tomorrow the world is going to explode into vapor—if it sticks to the schedule of Rev. Charles G. Long—and all human bodies will vanish, but the souls will live on and wonder through the universe.

Meanwhile Pasadena school officials and businessmen issued special orders to students and employees not to skip school or work because of Friday's impending date with doom.

In Twinkling of Eye Long, 72-year-old founder and leader of the remnant Church of God, predicts the atomic end will come at 7:30 a. m. (PWT), in the "twinkling of an eyelash" and no person on earth will feel the explosion.

He figures at least 2,169,868,000 souls will be pushing each other around until judgment day when they will find new bodies.

Long and his 32-year-old son, Richard, entered what they believe to be the last 24 hours of the earth's existence with utter calm.

The elder prophet cleared up a few last-minute scientific details for his 50 devout followers.

No Soul Atoms "The soul has no atoms," he said. "It is derived from the spirit of God. But the body is made up of atoms only. And when the world ends tomorrow, it will simply vaporize with the explosive force of an atomic bomb—and our bodies with it."

Then Long quoted Revelations 10, as he said: "To inhabitants of the earth and the islands of the sea, I say, 'there shall be no more!'"

The faithful 50 prayed, and bowed their heads.

GASOLINE SUPPLY CUT BY STRIKES FOR PAY BOOSTS

Gasoline for fuel-hungry automobiles slowed to a trickle today as almost 20,000 oil workers struck in response to a call by O. A. Knight, president of the Oil Workers International union.

The strike call came after negotiations for take-home pay failed, and pulled 18,325 men from their jobs in refineries, oil fields and on pipelines. Knight threatened to have 30,000 out by the end of the week.

Leaders of the CIO United Auto Workers union staged a race against government conciliation officials to set their own house in order and end a 29-day-old strike at the Kelsey-Hayes wheel plant.

The Kelsey-Hayes walkout has cut off supplies to the Ford Motor Co. and forced the layoff of 50,000 Ford workers.

70 POINTS NEEDED AFTER OCT. 1 AND 60 AFTER NOV. 1

General Appears Before Members of Congress in Effort to Halt Criticisms.

Washington, Sept. 20.—(U.P.)—Gen. George C. Marshall announced today that points needed for army discharge will be reduced to 70 on Oct. 1 and 60 on Nov. 1.

The present point score discharge level is 80.

Marshall, appearing before members of congress in a personal effort to halt congressional criticisms of the army demobilization program, said the reductions would affect "somewhere in the neighborhood of 2,000,000 people."

Winter Main Hurdle He promised that by late winter demobilization will have reached the point where all men of two years or more service will be eligible for release.

By then, he said, the point system as it now stands will hardly be a factor. Marshall said that when that time comes the troublesome problem of discharging limited service personnel who never got overseas service to earn discharge point credits will be answered.

It also was disclosed that on Oct. 1 other discharge point scores will be reduced as follows: 1. Field officers, 100 to 75 "across the board."

2. WAC enlisted personnel, 41 to 36, with a further reduction to 34 on Nov. 1.

3. WAC officers, 44 to 39.

Liberal Furloughs The army also was revealed to be liberalizing furloughs and releases for hardship cases.

Marshall said the army expects to release 450,000 men in September, 550,000 in October, thereafter, he said, the rate will be 700,000 to 800,000 a month.

He said this would keep up until next spring, when it will reach the point where it will have to be determined what force will be needed for occupation purposes and how many more can be demobilized.

Marshall repeated the assertion made by President Truman yesterday that there is no relationship at this time between the speed of demobilization and future army needs.

He said it will be next spring before the occupation needs can be determined accurately, and such needs will not be a factor in demobilization before that time.

He took note of congressional protests that overseas veterans are being kept in idleness or assigned menial tasks at domestic bases while awaiting discharge. That situation, Marshall promised, will be cleared up within three or four weeks.

In that length of time demobilization facilities will have reached the point where all men for whom a useful job cannot be found will be released.

HALT FOREST FIRE ON CITY'S EDGE

Plans for evacuation of women and children from Stirling City, Cal., were dropped today as a 11,800 acre forest fire was halted a mile and a half from the town of 1200 persons.

Although the fire was still burning in other directions, more favorable weather was expected to aid 1500 residents, soldier and deer hunters to bring it under control.

Meantime, 3500 soldiers originally assigned as a defense force against Japanese incendiary balloons were battling flames in Mendocino county. All overseas veterans, they were formed into engineer firefighting companies and were assisted by the 55th parachute battalion, the only Negro paratroop unit in the U. S. army.