

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy to cloudy with rain showers in valleys and snow showers in mountains tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Temp. Highest yesterday 44. Lowest this morning 34.

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More War Brides to Make U. S. Homes



(Acme Telephoto)
Arriving in New York City aboard S. S. Argentina, en route to join their husbands in American cities, these British brides of U. S. soldiers, and their children, wave from ship's banister. They are (left to right), Ellen Goll and Sonia, bound for Chicago; Irene Dickson, Muskogee, Okla.; Jean Dzielgiewicz and Melvin, Detroit, Mich.; Olive Chambers and Susan, Arkon, Ohio, and Irene Grosswhite, San Diego.

Ickes Repeats Declaration Bribe Offered By Oil Men

Washington, Feb. 5 — (U.P.) — Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes said today that Edwin W. Pauley told him on Sept. 6, 1944, that oil interests would contribute \$300,000 to the democratic party if the government would drop a suit for title to oil-bearing tidelands.

Ickes appeared for a second time before the senate naval affairs committee, which is considering President Truman's nomination of Pauley, former Democratic national treasurer, to be undersecretary of navy.

"Raw Proposition"

Last week Ickes told the committee Pauley had tried to persuade him to drop the proposed suit—which ultimately was filed and is now before the supreme court.

Today, amplifying his statement, he said Pauley suggested the "rawest proposition ever made to me."

For his second blast, Ickes brought along and read a memorandum he said he had made on the occasion when Pauley made the alleged proposition.

Meanwhile the committee, at the request of Sen. Charles W. Tobey, R., N. H., sent a telegram asking Harry Sinclair of New York, president of the Sinclair Oil company, to testify in the hearings on Pauley.

LINCOLN BANQUET PROGRAM SET FOR MEETING FEB. 12

Program for the 32nd annual banquet of the Jackson County Lincoln club was announced today by George R. Carter, president. The banquet will be held at the Ashland Elks' club Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 6:45 p. m.

Delivering the main address of the evening will be Lamar Toozee, prominent Portland attorney and well known republican of Oregon. Dick Martin, Ashland high school student, will give Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, a traditional feature of the program.

Also slated is the annual election of officers, with Eugene Thorndike presenting the report of the nominating committee, Frank P. Farrell will give the report of the memorial and resolutions committee and Herb Grey will read telegrams and letters.

The Rev. L. F. Belknap will deliver the invocation and a musical program will be presented by Harry Young.

In addition to Carter, officers who served the association for the past year are Henry G. Enders, Ashland, first vice-president; Robert F. Kyle, Medford, second vice-president; Robert Dodge, Ashland, third vice-president; William Perry, Eagle Point, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. G. Q. D'Albini, historian.

\$6000 HOME CEILING VETOED BY COMMITTEE

Washington, Feb. 5 — (U.P.) — The house banking committee in a stormy meeting today voted against placing price ceilings on existing homes. The vote was 14 to 11.

It was a major provision of the new housing legislation sponsored by Rep. Wright Patman, D., Tex.

Patman also proposed to fix price ceilings on new homes at \$6,000.

Rep. William B. Barry, D., N. Y., said, "If the \$6,000 proposed ceiling is passed there won't be a home built here, in New York or anywhere."

MOTORISTS! SAVE A LIFE—KNOW YOUR TRAFFIC LAWS

Here is a law for today. Somewhere in the state of Oregon, failure to observe this law will cost someone his life, or serious injury:

(b) VEHICLES ENTERING A THROUGH HIGHWAY. The driver of any vehicle who has stopped as required by law at the entrance to a through highway shall yield to the other vehicles within the intersection or approaching so closely on the through highway as to constitute an immediate hazard, but said driver having so yielded may proceed, and other vehicles approaching the intersection on the through highway shall yield to the vehicles so approaching into or across the through highway. (Section 115-337—Oregon Motor Vehicles Law.)

SEA TAKES MORE LIVES

'FATAL' ACCIDENT KNOWN TO MANY; NO CORPUS DELICTI

Downtown District Buzzes With Gossip of Alleged Auto Mishap Involving Girl

A Medford high school girl, Virginia Long, suffered the unique and unpleasant experience last evening of being "killed by rumor." Springing from an as yet unknown source, one of those weird, rapidly growing stories swept the town last night and by dinner-time friends of the bewildered girl and her family were calling to inquire into Virginia's "untimely death."

The family could offer no possible reason as to how or why the story started.

An unidentified man called the Pearl Funeral Home to find out if the victim was anyone he knew. Perls called Conger-Morris, but they knew nothing of the accident. By morning the story was that one of the ambulance drivers had struck the girl in front of the Medford Center building.

Another man stopped Capt. Paul Parson of the state police and described the gory details of the accident. He hadn't seen it, of course, but had just talked to someone who had. A lawyer repeated the tale at the Elks club. No, he hadn't seen it, but the elevator operator in his office building told him and he heard it from someone who did. Housewives heard it while they shopped for groceries and stenographers heard it at the lunch counter while they had a "coke."

Everyone who came into the Tribune office this morning, or met a reporter, inquired for the latest details. The girl had been killed at Camp White, on South Central, on East Main and Fir street as the tale rolled on.

A little back-tracking this noon and a phone call to the S. F. Long home on Kings' Highway brought out the fact that Virginia was home last night when the telephone calls began to come, and that she had not been in an accident and that she most certainly is not dead.

ROUTINE BUSINESS ON COUNCIL AGENDA

Routine business, according to Mayor C. A. Meeker, will fill the agenda when councilmen convene at the city hall this evening at 7:30 for their first meeting of the month.

Tokyo, Feb. 5 — (U.P.) — Gen. Douglas MacArthur today ordered the Japanese government to take "immediate and extensive measures on a nationwide basis for prevention of diptheria," which he termed a "serious health hazard in Japan."

"This thing comes as a shock to the average Legionnaire who has not been following the situation and does not know the picture," Morfitt said.

PACKING HOUSE RABBIS JOIN UNION MOVEMENT

Los Angeles, Feb. 5 — (U.P.) — The 12 packing house rabbis who preside over Mosale slaughter rituals for this area's Kosher meat were on strike today for the right of collective bargaining.

The walkout presented 175,000 Los Angeles Jews with the prospect of a meat famine. The Kosher butchers prepare 50,000 to 100,000 pounds of meat weekly.

Listening to testimony at Pearl Harbor investigation is Seth W. Richardson, selected as new chief counsel, succeeding William D. Mitchell. Mitchell and three assistants resigned on grounds that investigation was taking more time than they could devote to it. Richardson was formerly assistant attorney general in Hoover administration.

MRS. SARAH RHODES DIES OF HEART ILL

Mrs. Sarah Rhodes, 435 S. Grape, wife of John Rhodes, passed away during a heart attack at her home Monday evening. Arrangements are in care of the Conger-Morris Funeral Parlor.

Palmer Hoyt to Become Publisher Of Denver Post

Denver, Colo., Feb. 5 — (U.P.) — Palmer Hoyt, publisher of the Portland Oregonian, will become publisher of the Denver Post, succeeding W. C. Shepherd, who is retiring after more than 40 years with the paper. It was announced today.

Hoyt will be both publisher and editor of the paper, succeeding Shepherd in both positions. Shepherd, who has been publisher and editor for more than 13 years, told the other directors shortly after the first of the year that he wanted to retire at the next stockholders' meeting on Feb. 20.

"I'll be 72 years old next fall," he said today. "That's past the age when most corporations retire their executives, and I think it's time to turn this job over to a younger man."

SAFFORD ADMITS FIRST STEPS IN KIMMEL DEFENSE

Washington, Feb. 5 — (U.P.) — Navy Capt. L. F. Safford said today he took the initiative in setting up a defense for Adm. Husband E. Kimmel in the Pearl Harbor disaster.

Safford told Congress' Pearl Harbor committee he met Kimmel in New York in February, 1944. But, he said, he didn't tell the deposed Pacific fleet commander of his efforts in Kimmel's behalf.

The meeting took place about a month after Safford had written a letter charging that the army and navy high command "framed" Kimmel and Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, the deposed commanders of naval and army defenses in Hawaii.

Safford was questioned by Rep. John W. Murphy, D., Pa., about his associations with Kimmel and his interest in assembling defense evidence for use in the event Kimmel was court-martialed.

Safford said he met Kimmel for the first time during a personal trip to New York.

"I was in New York," he said. "I took advantage of the trip to call on Admiral Kimmel. I took the initiative."

Murphy asked if he told Kimmel "about the letters you were writing." Safford said he did not.

The committee sought from Safford substantiation of his charge that the army and navy high command "framed" Kimmel and Short in the Pearl Harbor disaster.

UNO SITE CHOICE GIVEN APPROVAL

London, Feb. 5 — (U.P.) — An interim committee today approved an inspection group's recommendation that permanent headquarters of the UNO be established in the Stamford-Greenwich area of New York and Connecticut.

The recommendation will be sent to the permanent headquarters committee of the assembly, together with the inspection group's recommendation that interim headquarters be in New York city.

The full assembly committee will begin debate on the location tomorrow.

London, Feb. 5 — (U.P.) — Australia served notice today that she would reopen the debate over location of United Nations headquarters and begin a new attempt in favor of San Francisco.

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TWO NEW RANGER DISTRICTS SLATED IN ROGUE FOREST

Ashland, Prospect to Get Posts in Reorganization of Rogue River Forest Set-Up

Reorganization of the Rogue River National Forest service, with subdivision of the present four ranger districts into six, was announced today by Karl Janouch, supervisor of the forest. New stations will be established at Ashland and Prospect, and the present districts of Union Creek, Butte Falls, Klamath Falls and on the Applegate will be maintained.

Work Increase Cause

"This reorganization results from a very heavy increase in the work load," Janouch stated this morning. "The increase in lumber production in Jackson county during the war will be maintained to some extent in the future, and it will be necessary for the Rogue River National forest to furnish the full sustained yield capacity of the forest to maintain the lumber industry so far as possible."

"Very heavy recreational use is also anticipated. Present facilities have deteriorated and must be reconstructed, in addition to providing many new facilities at suitable places. More intensive management of the grazing resources must also be exercised, since many parts of the forest have been overgrazed during the past due to the inability of the forest service to regulate it properly because of a lack of personnel."

Personnel Added

"It is also planned to reorganize the supervisor's office in Medford to meet these problems. New personnel, both in the supervisor's office and on the ranger districts, will be provided at this time. New personnel will be announced as selected and will be chosen from forest service employees now in the military forces. All new personnel will consist of men of long experience and with the highest qualifications for the positions to be occupied."

The new districts will be established within the next two months in order that they may be in operation before the field season starts. It was stated, a ranger, assistant ranger and perhaps a clerk will be stationed at Ashland, and if personnel can be secured, the Ashland office will be opened March 1.

STOLE FROM FRIEND IS MAN'S ADMISSION

Robert D. Griffith of Medford was given a 30-day sentence in county jail yesterday after pleading guilty in Justice court to a charge of larceny. Griffith was arrested Friday evening by city police after stealing \$12 from a friend's home, police said.

HARRIMAN RETURNS

Tokyo, Feb. 5 — (U.P.) — Former United States ambassador to Russia W. Averell Harriman returned to Tokyo today after a trip to Korea.

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Negotiate With Soviet

Chiang revealed at the same time that China is conducting new informal negotiations with the Soviet Union regarding concessions to Russia beyond published terms of the Sino-Soviet treaty.

It was the first press conference the generalissimo has granted since Oct. 15, 1945. With Madame Chiang at his side, he received newsmen in his large hilltop town house.

Chiang said he thought the new agreement for a coalition government, bringing together his Kuo Min Tang and the communists for the first time, was "just the beginning of cooperation and unity among the political parties."

"Continuance of the coalition," he added, will depend upon the national assembly actions after establishing constitutional government.

To Restore Sovereignty

Asked how much power the Kuo Min Tang government was obliged to give up under the new system, Chiang said it was not the degree of power that was involved, but the degree of responsibility.

The Kuo Min Tang, he said, intends to restore the sovereignty of the people.

"This is the initial stage. After constitutionality, the responsibility of the Kuo Min Tang to help reconstruct the country remains, but it will be shared."

Asked when the reorganized government will take office, Chiang replied that the secondenary session of the Kuo Min Tang's central executive committee was scheduled for March 1. After that, he said, the political parties of the reorganized government will take office as soon as possible.

Candidacy Unpondered

Asked whether he will be a candidate for the presidency when elections are held, he said "I haven't thought yet."

Chiang said the question of limiting communist troops to a definite number of divisions was "being considered." Asked whether the communists eventually will give up their private armies in return for concessions, he said this "must be accomplished."

House Beats Down Attempt To Weaken Strike Control

Washington, Feb. 5 — (U.P.) — The house today beat down the first major attempt to weaken a sweeping strike control bill before it. By voice vote it rejected an amendment to wipe out the bill's ban on union boycotts.

The provision thus preserved would make it unlawful for any labor union to refuse to handle the goods of any manufacturer or farmer because he had a collective bargaining agreement with another union.

The amendment was offered by Rep. Gerald Landis, R., Ind., to the bill introduced by Rep. Francis T. S. D. Landis told the house that the boycott ban was unnecessary. He said jurisdictional disputes would be fully taken care of in other sections of the bill.

The case bill, under which unions would be liable for strike damages in the courts, also would ban foremen's unions and violence by pickets, and would provide a 30-day cooling off period in industrial disputes. It is before the house as a substitute for the house labor committee's watered-down version of President Truman's fact-finding proposal.

By United Press

Federal seizure of New York harbor tugboats was expected today, as government officials were faced with the wage-price problem, basic cause of a nationwide strike wave idling 1,500,000 workers.

Government seizure appeared inevitable after New York mayor William O'Dwyer failed in day-long efforts to negotiate a wage settlement. New York city was threatened with critical food and fuel shortages.

In other strikes:

1. Fifteen thousand CIO mine, mill and smelter workers left their jobs in Connecticut brass plants, and 5,200 more threatened to join them unless their wage demands were met.

2. Representatives of 175,000 striking CIO United Auto Workers warned General Motors Corp. that they had no intention of relinquishing union security gains won during the past years.

3. Plane production at Consolidated Aircraft, San Diego, Calif., was halted when 3,000 AFL machinists struck to enforce wage demands.

4. Scuffling between CIO steel worker pickets and non-strikers flared briefly at steel plants in Milwaukee and Janesville, Wis., yesterday. No one was injured.

LIFE IN PRISON FOR WAR LORDS, URUGUAY'S PLEA

London, Feb. 5 — (U.P.) — Uruguay asked the United Nations today to rule out the death penalty for Hermann Goering and the other top Nazi war lords on trial at Nuremberg and limit their punishment to life imprisonment.

The Uruguayan delegation proposed that the United Nations organization recommend amendment of the war crimes charter to outlaw the death penalty for the Nazi leaders.

The surprise move threatened to touch off furious debate in the UNO general assembly.

The Uruguayan resolution, presented on orders from the Montevideo government, said public execution of the Nuremberg defendants would be a "demoralizing spectacle" and would be apt to create world-wide sympathy for them.

GILDERSLEEVES GIRD FOR DIVORCE COURT

Hollywood, Feb. 5 — (U.P.) — Harold Peary, the "great Gildersleeve" of screen and radio, and his wife hired rival attorneys to day with divorce as an object.

The Pearys, married 17 years, have no children. Jerry Giesler, Mrs. Peary's attorney, said he did not know exactly what her plans were.

SEEK RADIO PERMIT

Boise, Ida., Feb. 5 — (U.P.) — Articles of incorporation were on file here today with the secretary of state for the Interstate Radio, Inc., of Lewiston. Incorporators of the radio firm, capitalized for \$50,000, are C. A. Sanders, Seattle, Wash.; Ted R. Farrier, Spokane; Elbert A. Stillman, Lewiston, and Mabel J. McAllister and M. J. Gladstone, both of Tacoma.

FLEET HEADQUARTERS

Washington, Feb. 5 — (U.P.) — The navy plans to make San Francisco headquarters for the third Pacific reserve fleet, navy officers said today.

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TWENTY MISSING, MANY STILL ON WRECKED YUKON

Seward, Alaska, Feb. 5 — (U.P.) — Twenty persons were listed as missing today as seven craft battling heaving oily seas to remove about 380 passengers and crewmen from the shattered liner Yukon, wrecked and torn in half during a raging blizzard, survivors said today.

Rescued from swirling rip tides that swept them against the base of towering cliffs overlooking the jagged rocks of Johnstone Bay, 48 miles east of here, three crewmen of the Yukon were rushed to a hospital here to be treated for exposure.

Fifty Rescued

Suffering from effects of 30 minutes immersion in chilling seas, the trio told how two small, bobbing rescue craft snatched about 50 terrorized women and children from the tilted decks of the wreck last night, a few minutes before the Yukon snapped in half on the rocks.

"The Yukon was pounded by 50-foot waves after we went on to the rocks. I saw some of my buddies washed overboard a few minutes before I was thrown into the water myself," the liner's storekeeper Roger Bassette said.

The 5,746-ton liner, carrying 371 passengers and a crew of 124, from Seward to Seattle, broke its back on the reef, the stern half capsizing after hours of buffeting by 60-mile winds and raging seas.

Some Didn't Make It

"Everybody had been ordered to move toward the bow half of the ship which remained firmly wedged on the rocks. But some of us didn't make it," he said. Swept overboard with Bassette was Army Staff Sergeant Jack Reinhold and the Yukon's assistant purser Jack Scrivener.

The three men were brought here aboard the coastguard cutter Onondaga, along with the 50 women and children rescued last night. Another coastguard cutter, Cedar, moved in through driving snow to replace the Onondaga and continue rescue operations today.