

ACHESON WARNS COMMUNISTS

New York To Try Cloud Wringing To Obtain Water

Undertaking Slated For Next Wednesday

New York, Mar. 15—(UP)—One week from today, if the heavens are ripe, New York City will gently nudge a cloud. It may rain. Snow may fly.

Mayor William O'Dwyer and the city fathers came up today with a \$50,000 appropriation in a sly plan to urge rain clouds over Rip Van Winkle's Catskills into new and greater efforts. Might Be Answer.

City officials decided yesterday that scientific cloud-wringing might be one of the answers to the city's critical water shortage.

In a six-month "noble experiment," the city will sow the seeds of cloudburst—or, at least, of April showers—into every likely lonely cloud that floats over a 1,000-square mile area that comprises New York City's watershed.

Mayor O'Dwyer decided on the program with the help of a six-man advisory committee on rain making, composed of scientists. The man they hired to tickle clouds with dry ice and silver iodide smoke is Wallace E. Howell, research meteorologist at the Harvard Blue Hill observatory.

Dr. Howell planned to go after some man-made rain or snowfall in one week. In an interview after the board meeting, he said it was entirely possible some man-made moisture might fall next Wednesday.

To Get Warning
Dr. Howell will command an outfit that includes air crews, two police department amphibious planes, a ground-control radio station in the Catskills, radar capable of "seeing" rain developing in a cloud, and two ground units with cars operating silver iodide smoke generators.

Dr. Howell said he expected to have four to 12 hours warning from his weather department that the clouds are ripe for "the art of rain stimulation." The planes, operating from Floyd Bennett field in New York City, will reach the likely clouds in about an hour. Each plane will carry about 50 pounds of dry ice and one gallon of silver iodide. The dry ice will be crumbled in a hand-grinder to cakes one-fourth to one-half inch in diameter.

Miner Killed At G.P.; Family In Air Mishap

Grants Pass, Ore., Mar. 15—(UP)—A placer gold miner was crushed to death under four feet of rock following a dynamite blast here yesterday, and five of his family escaped death at the Grants Pass airport when their plane overshot the field and made a pancake landing.

John Henry Brunswick, 50, of Hillsboro, Ore., was killed when four feet of mud and rock buried him after a blast was set off by his two companions, Leslie and Earl Pieren of Grants Pass.

The brothers said they did not know their partner was near the section of bank they had blasted.

None Injured
Last night a twin-engine, five passenger Cessna piloted by Ruth Wikander overshot the airport landing strip, but none of the craft's five passengers from Hillsboro was injured. They flew here to claim Brunswick's body.

The passengers included Brunswick's widow, Myrtle; two brothers, Paul and Neil; and Neil's wife, Miss Wikander. She misjudged the field in the darkness despite the portable lights and automobile headlights that were used to partially illuminate the field.

15 Persons Hurt As Plane Hits Snack Bar

Las Vegas, Mar. 15—(UP)—A P-51 Mustang smashed into a snack bar at the Las Vegas air base while attempting a landing today and 15 persons were injured.

Air force officials said no one was killed but 10 of the 15 injured, including the pilot were in serious condition. The air force said no names were available immediately.

The plane tore a big hole in the side of the snack bar in which "many" air base personnel were eating, according to an air force spokesman. The pilot was trapped inside the plane and had to be cut out, but there was no fire.

Zoo Keepers Injured By Maddened Polar Bear

Melbourne, Australia, Mar. 15—(UP)—Two keepers were injured today in a running fight with a maddened polar bear in the Melbourne zoo.

A third attendant finally killed the beast with a rifle bullet through the head.

The bear escaped from an indoor cage and attacked a keeper cleaning its outer pen. The man was dragged through an open door into the zoo's garden.

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GUBITCHEV TO SAIL ON MONDAY

Five Desperate Federal Prisoners Escape At Atlanta

Two Others Seized Inside Boundaries

Atlanta, Mar. 15—(UP)—Five "desperate" federal prisoners were hunted today after they slugged and gaged a Fulton tower guard, slid four floors on sheets and scaled a 30-foot wall to freedom.

Two others were captured before they could make it over the wall.

The five escapees manhandled a motorist in an attempt to commandeer his car, but three of them finally fled to a nearby parked taxicab and threatened the driver into taking them to an outlying area.

Escapes Armed
Police said all armed themselves with pistols after escaping.

Fulton County Sheriff A. B. (Bud) Foster said the five, all held at the county jail on federal firearms possession charges, were Eston Anderson, 33, Joseph L. Mauldin, 23, and his brother Roy J. Mauldin, 28, and Luther Masters, 28, all of Atlanta; and Earl Curtis Taylor, 22, of New Orleans.

Foster said Taylor asked Deputy Jailer J. C. Williams about 8 p.m. if he might use a telephone. Williams let him, and was returning the prisoner to the cell when Taylor turned on him and knocked him down.

The others were hiding nearby, Foster said, and joined Taylor in the assault on the guard.

Death Feared
"I thought they were going to kill or smother me," Williams said.

The men then stuffed a rag into Williams' mouth and tossed him into a cell. They hastily fashioned a rope of bedsheets, sawed through their cell-window bars (how, officers did not know) and let themselves 75 feet to the ground below.

A Negro trusty sounded the alarm after noticing the dangling rope. Deputies Frank Davis and Paul Lambert caught Malcolm Rudd and Harold Echols as they tried to follow their five fellows up the wall on crude steps made from piled-up oil drums.

Absentee Voters Can Cast Ballots In May

Members of the armed forces, students, travelers, invalids or others who will be unable to go to the polls in their home precincts May 19 for the Oregon Primary election, were reminded today that they may cast absentee ballots by applying for them at least 60 days before the election May 19. The deadline is March 20.

Mrs. C. L. Hopkins, vice-chairman of the republican county central committee, today offered to assist persons needing absentee ballots or information about registration for voting by mail. Students who are away from home, she said, may register at the county clerk's office nearest them and cast an absentee ballot. Invalids, by securing a doctor's certificate, are not required to travel to the polls and absentee voting arrangements can also be made by workers unable to reach the polls on election day and by travelers outside their home counties at election time.

They should contact the county clerk's office before March 20.

Defendants Ordered Sold Or Destroyed

Salem, Ore., Mar. 15—(UP)—The Marion county circuit court has solemnly ordered a group of defendants partly destroyed and partly sold.

The defendants included 24 decks of playing cards, some poker chips, a light globe and some furniture confiscated in a recent raid at Detroit, near the site of the Detroit dam being built on the North Santiam river. The state has sued the equipment, asking court authority to sell it.

Judge George R. Duncan ordered the playing cards and poker chips destroyed. He ruled that the furniture—and light globe—can be sold by the sheriff's office. The proceeds will go to the county common school fund.



FORGIVE ME—Kneeling over the victim he struck down in Detroit, Mich., with his car, John Carroll asks forgiveness of Lebrun Nelson. The man, wrapped in blankets and raincoat, suffered minor cuts and bruises, and refused to sign a complaint against Carroll.

Nation's Coal Bill To Be Higher Due To Union Contracts

Pittsburgh, Mar. 15—(UP)—The nation's coal bill will climb more than \$84,000,000 this year as a result of new labor contracts signed with John L. Lewis, a coal industry spokesman said today.

Price increases by producers include an estimated \$72,000,000 for bituminous coal and \$12,000,000 for anthracite at the mine.

Additional Boosts
Additional boosts by coal retailers to cover higher shipping and labor costs were expected to push the total cost to consumers millions of dollars higher.

The industry spokesman said price boosts will average 20 cents a ton at the mine on an estimated 1950 production of 380,000,000 tons of soft coal and 60,000,000 tons of anthracite.

Both hard and soft coal producers signed contracts with Lewis early this month providing a 10-cent a day wage boost and a 10-cent increase in royalty payments to the United Mine Workers welfare fund.

'Captive' Price Up
The price of 90,000,000 tons produced by "captive" mines owned by steel companies also will be increased, but the effect will not be felt directly by the consumer.

The first major price boost was announced by George H. Love, president of the Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal company, the world's largest commercial producer.

Oregon's Senator Wayne Morse is not suffering from "Potomac fever." At a meeting sponsored by Jackson County Republican Women last night, the senator said there are too many other fields of public service outside the senate for him to stand for reelection if it means sacrificing his intellectual honesty.

About 400 persons gathered in the high school auditorium to hear the junior senator explain in unequivocal terms just where he stands in regard to republicanism, his relations with his constituents, and on numerous domestic and foreign issues.

Denies Bolting Party
Morse classified himself as a "constitutional liberal," saying "the liberalism of the constitution is good enough for me."

Denying that he has bolted his party on the floor of the senate, he declared his voting record would prove that he has fought actively for the principles embodied in the republican party platform that was drawn up at Philadelphia in 1948.

The senator declared he is conducting a political experiment in Oregon to determine if voters in this state are interested in sending to the congress men who will vote on the basis of facts instead of at the whim of political expediency. Reiterating his oft-stated assertion that the international situation is "extremely serious," Morse declared, "I will not traffic in political expediency in this campaign."

Child Braves Pistol; Fails To Halt Death

St. Joseph, Mo., Mar. 15—(UP)—A brave nine-year-old girl said today she tried to wrest a pistol from her father's hand as he shot to death a 15-year-old baby sitter because she wouldn't leave her eight charges to go to the movies with him.

Little Patsy Speer said she watched in horror as Clarence Speer, 23, fired five bullets last night into pretty Caryl Johnson of Rea, Mo., who had been hired to tend Patsy and her seven brothers and sisters.

Pushed To One Side
Patsy said Speer pushed her to one side, scratching her face, when she tried to defend the Johnson girl. Then, she told police, he fired six bullets, five of them hitting their mark.

"Caryl was bleeding all over," Patsy said.

**Deadline For Income
Tax Filing At Midnight**

"Beware the Ides of March," according to the poet. "They have come but have not gone."

The Ides of March have indeed come, and the deadline to render unto Caesar those things which are Caesar's is midnight tonight. In other less complicated words, your federal income tax payment must be in the mail today, postmarked before midnight, or you will be subject to a penalty.

Seattle, Wash., Mar. 15—(UP)—Coast guardsmen today reported they had exploded two Japanese floating mines off the Oregon coast.

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Medical Aid Needed
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The Hill and Taft health bills are part of republican strategy to forestall the administration's health legislation, and these proposals open avenues for careful long-range studies of the whole matter of health, the speaker pointed out. What the administration proposes is another step down the road to statism, according to Morse.

This same label was pinned upon the CVA bill. "I will not emphasize this issue in the primary election because republicans generally are in agreement against the CVA. If the democratic candidate in the general election favors this bill I will certainly welcome it as an issue," the senator promised.

Urges Economies
For constructive alternatives to the administration's program, Morse urged republicans to fight for the adoption of the major economies of the Hoover commission report and for a revision of the tax structure as proposed by the committee for economic development. These can be the republican answer to the administration's deficit spending and "soak-the-rich" tax policies, he said.

The address concluded Morse's heavy two-day schedule in the Medford and Ashland area. Yesterday noon he addressed members of the Medford Rotary club, speaking with emphasis on defense and nationalized medicine.

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Switch In Plans Told By Attorney In Federal Court

New York, Mar. 15—(UP)—Valentin Gubitchev will leave the United States for Russia next Monday as originally planned, his attorney announced today.

Attorney Abraham L. Pomerantz told Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan that the 33-year-old Russian has agreed to the government's stipulation that he renounce all right of appeal from his espionage conspiracy conviction when he leaves the country under a suspended 15-year sentence.

Second Reversal
It was the second abrupt reversal of plans in less than 24 hours. Pomerantz announced late yesterday that Gubitchev would stay in the U. S. and fight for a reversal of his conviction.

The attorney was accompanied in court today by Yuri Novikov, third secretary of the Soviet embassy at Washington, who sat through the trial as Gubitchev's official interpreter.

Pomerantz told the court that when he refused yesterday to accept the government's condition to the Russian's departure he was without authority to accept or reject for his client.

Mind Not Changed
"I have since received authorization from Gubitchev to accept this further condition," he said, "and I hereby communicate to your honor that Mr. Gubitchev has not changed his mind; that he proposed to accept this new condition and to sail for the Soviet Union, March 20, 1950."

Gubitchev was convicted with former government girl Judith Coplan on charges of conspiracy to steal government secrets and send them to Russia. Both were sentenced to 15 years in federal prison.

**Plane Crashes Claim
11 British Crew Men**

London, Mar. 15—(UP)—Three royal air force planes crashed on training flights over Britain today, killing 11 crew men and injuring three others.

Two of the planes were four-engined Lincoln bombers. The third was a twin-engine Anson trainer.

The pilot and co-pilot of the Anson escaped with injuries when the plane crashed in flames in Wiltshire. Farmhands dragged the men from the wreckage.

One of the bombers crashed 2,000 feet up on the slope of the highest peak in Wales.

The air ministry said all six men aboard perished. Their bodies were recovered by an RAF mountain rescue unit.

Tells Strategy
Referring again to the strategy of "bottling up" the administration's health proposals with the Taft and Hill bills as backfire measures, Senator Morse emphasized the need for establishment of some sound and sensible health legislation, with five years of congressional hearings and exhaustive research indicating the need. The backfire parliamentary strategy, undertaken by highly conservative senators, provides ample time for doctors to present their views, and continued delaying action should mean that a final bill will emerge safeguarding the private practice of medicine with state authority, he said.

Federal aid can be handled through the states without over-all federal control, Senator Morse claimed, adding that it has been proven that federal aid for states can be given with the government's control limited to generalized standards of procedure.

It is high time for action, not just talk, on the matter of government economy, the speaker said in concluding his address, which was followed by a question period. John Niedermeyer, Jackson County Republican committee chairman, introduced Morse.

Senator Morse left Medford this morning for appearances in Grants Pass and Klamath Falls. He will return here May 19 and 20, when he will open the Armed Forces day observance as a member of the senate armed services committee.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Increasing cloudy tonight. Generally cloudy Thursday with some light rain. Warmer tonight.
Highest Yesterday 53
Lowest this Morning 29

U.S. TO ASSIST ASIATIC LANDS

San Francisco, Mar. 15—(UP)—Secretary of State Dean Acheson bluntly warned communist China and the Soviet Union today to keep hands off the rest of Asia.

In a forthright enunciation of United States policy in the Far East, Acheson said that the Chinese "can only bring grave trouble on themselves . . . if they are led by their new rulers into aggressive or subversive adventures beyond their borders."

In a major address before the Commonwealth club of California, Acheson declared:

"We now face the prospect that the communists may attempt to . . . use China as a base for probing for other weak spots which they can move into and exploit."

Acheson referred to southeast Asia, where communists are engaged in guerrilla fighting, and apparently to south Korea, which is being subjected to increasing red pressure.

Acheson promised the free nations of southeast Asia that if they undertake to resist communist aggression this country will help them.

"In some situations it will be military assistance," he said. "In others, it may be grants or loans, such as the recent \$100,000,000 credit to the Republic of the United States of Indonesia. In still other cases, the need may be for technical assistance."

**Help To Reinforce Efforts
Others Prepared To Make**

Acheson said "these are not new principles nor is the application of them to the Far East a new departure." But he emphasized that "our help can only reinforce the efforts which others are prepared to make on their own behalf."

He lamented the fact that United States help "on a massive scale" did not bring recovery and peace to China, whose conquest by the communists he blamed on failure of the nationalists.

"As old friends, we say to the Chinese people that we fully understand that their present unhappy status within the orbit of the Soviet Union is not the result of any choice on their part, but has been forced upon them," Acheson said.

At the same time, Acheson said that the Chinese soon would see the aid promised them by Russia under the Russian-Chinese United States Trade Important.

He said that American trade with China is far more important than Soviet economic help to China's needs, but he set forth conditions under which the United States could trade with China.

"Trade requires certain standards of conduct," he said. "Ships, planes, and traders must be received under conditions of security and decency. Contracts must be honored. There must be some medium of exchange reasonably regarded."

Under those conditions, he said the United States would sanction trade with China. However, he warned that the United States "does not propose that Americans should sell goods that may be used to harm us."

"Nor does this government propose to give credits or gifts," he added, "to those who declare their hostility to us and all we stand for."

Americans Rush To Beat Tax Deadline

Chicago, Mar. 15—(UP)—Americans rushed today to file their income taxes before the midnight deadline but few individuals and groups risked imprisonment by defying the inevitable.

The law requires that tax returns be in the hands of collectors or postmarked by midnight tonight except in cases where taxpayers have received extensions.

Race Against Deadline
The government, meanwhile, was also racing a midnight deadline.

In New York City, the rush was greater than last year. New York's second tax district collected \$100,000,000 yesterday and will take in \$250,000,000 by tonight.

In Chicago, an unmarried woman filed her return. She had an income of \$1,653.293. She said \$1,164.66 in taxes. She was left with \$488.637. Collectors did not identify her.

Indictments Expected
At Washington, the justice department revealed it expected to have indictments by tonight's deadline against 149 persons for trying to evade \$10,000,000 in wartime taxes. There is a six-year statute of limitation in tax cases.

A federal grand jury in New York returned indictments yesterday against five persons and two corporations for failing to report an income of \$1,091,231 and avoiding taxes of \$85,717.

Nevertheless, some people announced today that they would refuse to pay taxes at the risk of going to prison.

Sentenced During War
At Des Moines, Ia., a Quaker couple and an engineer told the tax collector they wouldn't pay because they were pacifists. Both the Quaker husband and the engineer were sentenced as conscientious objectors during World War II.

An organization calling itself "Peacemakers" planned a noon-time picket of the internal revenue bureau in New York City. The signs said "your taxes pay for the bombs" and "refuse to pay taxes for war purposes."

Arthur Sternberg of St. Paul figured out for himself that 32 per cent of his tax goes for defense and he withheld that amount—\$51—from his payment.

Salem, Jefferson Win Tourney Games

Eugene, Ore., Mar. 15—(UP)—Salem and Jefferson of Portland today won their opening round games in the 32nd annual Oregon state class "A" high school basketball tournament at University of Oregon's McArthur court.

Salem's Vikings, bidding for their seventh tournament title, beat a game Scappoose quintet, 48 to 42, in the second morning game today. Jefferson previously walloped Dallas high, 51 to 34.

Salem was playing Scappoose in the other morning game today. Seaside met McLoughlin of Milton-Freewater at 1:45 p.m. and Bend plays Grants Pass at 3 p.m. In games to night defending champion Roosevelt of Portland is pitted against LaGrande at 7:30 and Eugene faces Central Catholic of Portland at 8:45.

**Soil Meetings Slated
Today, Thursday**

For those not yet sure what a soil conservation district is designed to accomplish or how it would work in this area may hear a full explanation of the proposed district at the Central Point Grange hall at 8 p.m. today or at the Eagle Point Grange hall at the same time Thursday. Films will be shown and members of the state soil conservation committee will be on hand to clear up questions.

A referendum to pass on the district proposed for Jackson county will be held March 22.