

WEATHER
FORECAST: Clear to partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Near freezing early Saturday. Somewhat warmer later Saturday.
Temp. Highest Yesterday 58 Lowest this Morning 34

3 HURT IN NEWPORT GUN BATTLE

Pre-Dawn Debate On Street Becomes Shooting Duel

Newport, Ore., Apr. 28—(U.P.) A pre-dawn argument between two carloads of Newport and Salem residents broke into a shooting duel on the main street of the city today, leaving three persons wounded, Sheriff Timothy P. Welp reported.

Orval Tull, 24, Salem, was in critical condition with a bullet wound in the abdomen. Mrs. Lola Thomas of Newport, was in serious condition with four bullet wounds. Harry Thomas, Newport, her divorced husband, was in fair condition with one bullet wound.

James Orval Vogan, 26, Salem, and Wanda Thomas, 23, daughter of Harry Thomas, were taken into custody by the Lincoln county sheriff's office and held as material witnesses.

When the shooting started, some of them were still in cars and others were on the street. Two guns were used—a .25 caliber pistol and a .22 caliber automatic rifle.

Triggenberry Unknown
"Harry Thomas was shot in the chest by Tull's gun. Tull was shot by Thomas' gun. Lola Thomas was shot in the back of the head. We know which guns fired the shots, but we're not yet certain who pulled the triggers."

Wanda Thomas was accompanied by Vogan at the time of the shooting. All the wounded were under treatment in a Toledo hospital.

Tito Visions No War Possibility
Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Apr. 28 (U.P.)—Premier Marshal Tito today dismissed the possibility of an early reconciliation with Russia but predicted there was no likelihood of war in the foreseeable future.

Youths Detained After 17-Hour Police Chase
McMinnville, Ore., Apr. 28—(U.P.)—Victor Byron La Bonte, 18, and Eugene Russell La Bonte, 20, were held in the Yamhill county jail today on a car theft charge after they were captured at the end of a 17-hour chase by state police.

Two Americans Slain in Ambush On Java Highway

Jakarta, Indonesia, Apr. 28—(U.P.)—Reports received here today said a Life Magazine correspondent and a Yale university professor had been killed by terrorists in an ambush on the highway between Bandoeng and Cheribon.

The victims were identified as correspondent Robert Doyle and Prof. Raymond Kennedy by Karl W. Kigsen, senior military observer with the UN Indonesia commission.

Higsen said his information was based on a report from Indonesian army headquarters and British Lt. Col. F. Day of the UN staff.

Higsen said the slayings occurred either late yesterday or early today as the two men were en route from here to Jogjakarta in a jeep. He said the victims were traveling via Cheribon and that the ambush occurred in the vicinity of Tono.

Jacob Bean, a member of the United States embassy staff here, left immediately for Bandoeng to stage a first-hand investigation.

Returned Recently
Sovereignty of the Netherlands to Indonesia last December and returned to Indonesia only 10 days ago to cover the latest developments.

His wife was believed to be in Hong Kong, where he normally is stationed.

Kennedy was one of America's foremost experts on the Indonesia archipelago.

Committee Okays Tax Reduction on Night Club Checks

Washington, Apr. 28—(U.P.)—House tax writers voted tentatively today to cut federal excise taxes on transportation and on telephone bills and telegrams by \$357 million.

Washington, Apr. 28—(U.P.)—The house ways and means committee changed its mind today and voted tentatively to reduce the excise tax on night club checks from 20 per cent to 10 per cent.

The committee had agreed only yesterday to leave the tax on cabarets, roof gardens and similar night spots at 20 per cent. But today it was decided to make a 10 per cent reduction, with the loss of revenue to the federal government estimated at \$19 million for the next fiscal year.

More Cuts Considered
The house tax framers have now agreed to a total cut in federal excise taxes of more than \$600 million, with many items that are large revenue producers still to be considered.

In addition to considering the cabaret tax and okaying a reduction, the committee made these other tentative decisions today:

1. It agreed to exempt rebuilding, repaired and reconditioned automobile parts from the 50 per cent tax on automobile accessories.

2. It agreed to exempt from the cabaret tax dance halls which sell only soft drinks on the side. There have been conflicting court decisions on the applicability of the cabaret tax to such establishments, and the committee decided to exempt them.

Radio Sets Exempt
It decided to exempt radio receiving sets sold to the U. S. government from the 10 per cent tax on radios.

4. It reconsidered yesterday's action eliminating the 10 per cent tax on immersion electric heaters. This tax was left at 10 per cent under today's decision, but it was agreed that baby bottle warmers are to be exempt from the taxes.

Kansas City Steak Men Irked Over Claim Of Omaha Authorities

Kansas City, Mo., Apr. 28—(U.P.)—Kansas City steak men refused to fry today when they learned that Omaha authorities had inferred the famous K.C. steaks probably originate in the Nebraska city.

"It's ridiculous," said Eddie Williams, head of the Williams Meat company, and president of the Kansas City Hotel Supply Meat Dealers association.

"I'd suggest," said Billy Burnett with a wink of an eye, that maybe in Omaha they don't know exactly what they're talking about."

Their comments were prompted by an Omaha Chamber of Commerce action, asking business men in the Nebraska city to affix outgoing mail with a steak-shaped sticker bearing the slogan: "Omaha, the nation's steak house."

Good market prospects for the Jackson county peach industry, the largest in the state, were revealed here today with word that peach crops in many other parts of the county have sprung cold damage.

The Oregon State college extension service reports that "freezing temperatures since April 1 have further lowered prospects for the 1950 peach crop in southeastern states and in Illinois." The service said it is still too early to make a definite forecast of production, but the poorest crop since 1943 seems inevitable in the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama.

Production in 1943 was less than a fourth of average there. The Illinois crop was reduced sharply by winter damage and prospects were further lowered by the April 13 freeze. That cold snap caught the southern Illinois counties with peaches in full bloom.

In the important peach state of Georgia, only light frosts in some local areas are expected.

"Important Boost" Here
Though unfortunate for growers in those areas, the situation promises to give an important boost to the commercially important peach crop here. The bulk of local production is exported to California. Although that state is the largest peach producer in the nation, most of its crop is shipped to the east and California growers are sure to find a better market there this year with the principal competitors frozen out. This situation, then, will create a more active demand for Rogue valley peaches for local consumption in California.

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Daylight Saving To Begin Early Sunday

Though they may do some grumbling, most Jackson county residents, before they go to bed Saturday night, will set their clocks ahead one hour so that they will have more time to play Sunday evening. After that the habit is expected to become ingrained.

Most county communities outside Medford say they consider fast time almost mandatory in order to avoid confusion in their business contacts with other communities. Only a few agricultural communities may hold out against the action of the vast majority of residents.

Among the Jackson county communities which have already approved the change to daylight time are Ashland, Phoenix, Central Point and Jacksonville. The clocks at the Camp White domiciliary center will also conform to the majority.

Frederick Field Denies Knowing Lattimore as Red
Washington, Apr. 28—(U.P.)—Frederick Vanderbilt Field swore today that to the best of his knowledge Prof. Owen Lattimore and three state department officials about whom he was questioned are not communists.

But the alleged "millionaire angel" of communist causes incurred possible contempt action by refusing to tell a senate foreign relations subcommittee whether he himself is or ever was a communist.

Field joined with ex-communist boss Earl Browder and Dr. Bella V. Dodd, a former party member, in defense of Lattimore against charges by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R., Wis.) and Louis F. Budenz.

McCarthy has called Lattimore a communist spy. Budenz, ex-communist editor, testified last week that the far eastern expert officially was known as a party member. Browder and Dr. Dodd denied this before the subcommittee this week.

Field said Budenz' testimony was "completely and utterly false." In his statement and in response to questions he denied that he ever even hinted, as Budenz had testified, that Lattimore was a communist or a communist tool.

But when questioned about his own affiliations and whether he knew certain individuals, among them ex-communist Whitaker Chambers, Field refused to answer on constitutional grounds that his answers might incriminate him.

Police Quell Striking Students

Police, mounted and on foot, put in a strenuous few minutes keeping order among striking high school students who invaded the City Hall area of New York to protest low salaries paid their teachers.

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Herbert Hoover Asks UN Reorganization

New York, Apr. 28—(U.P.)—Former President Herbert Hoover asks "God fearing nations" to reorganize the United Nations without the communist countries and create a united front "against red agnosticism."

Mr. Hoover told the American Newspaper Publishers association conference last night that the time has come to discard the unrealistic "one world" ideal for a practical plan of "total diplomacy."

The 75-year-old republican nationally broadcast a speech brought an immediate telephone call from President Truman in Washington.

A long distance operator called the Waldorf-Astoria hotel to say the White House wanted Mr. Hoover to telephone "right away." Mr. Hoover left the ANPA banquet to answer the call in his suite.

Spokesmen for Mr. Hoover refused to comment on the call.

Valley Firms File Incorporation Papers
Salem, Ore., Apr. 28—(U.P.)—Articles of incorporation were filed here today for the Walton-Gray company of Medford, Ore., manufacturers of plastering materials. Signers of the articles were Frank R. Walton, R. W. Gray and Frank J. Van Dyke.

Salem, Ore., Apr. 28—(U.P.)—The Jacksonville Community Hall, Inc., of Jacksonville, Ore., filed articles of incorporation here today. Signers of the articles were E. D. McIntyre, Merle L. Tweedy and Clinton A. Smith.

Salem, Ore., Apr. 28—(U.P.)—Gov. Douglas McKay appointed State Insurance Commissioner Robert Taylor today to serve as chief of the fire services division of the Oregon civil defense agency.

Brakeman Suffers Loss Of Legs In Accident
Salem, Ore., Apr. 28—(U.P.)—L. N. Lange, Salem brakeman for the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroad, lost both his legs late yesterday under a switch engine.

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