

WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair and mild through Saturday with afternoon thundershowers in higher mountains. Temp. Highest Yesterday 85 Lowest this Morning 50

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Gunmen Escape After Slugging 3 Brink's Guards \$15,000 Payroll Taken In Morning Robbery

Thompsonville, Conn., May 12 (UP)—Four gunmen wearing air raid warden masks slugged three armed guards of Brink's, Inc., early today and escaped with a \$15,000 factory payroll.

The robbery was staged about 100 miles from the scene of the \$1,500,000 holdup of Brink's Boston headquarters January 17. Boston detectives scoffed at the idea that it might be the same gang's work.

Crew Ambushed The bandits crept into the factory of the Bigelow-Sanford Carpet company before dawn and ambushed the Brink's armored car crew when it arrived at 5:05 a.m. with the payroll for 300 night shift workers.

The Brink's crew was scheduled to arrive later in the day from Springfield, Mass., with some \$150,000 more for supervisory employees and workers on the other two shifts.

State police established roadblocks throughout northern Connecticut and an alarm was issued for a Massachusetts-registered automobile seen in the vicinity of the factory which is within two miles of the state border.

Police surrounded the factory in belief the bandits were trapped inside, but later abandoned the project when it appeared the gunmen had fled over a fence. Head Injuries Suffered

John Truhell, Orville Latinville and Joseph Flowers, the three Brink's guards who were to have paid off the night shift at 6 a.m., suffered minor head injuries when they were slugged with the revolver butts of the bandits.

All three were hospitalized at Wesson Memorial hospital in Springfield. Physicians said none was hurt seriously and that all three would be discharged during the day.

Truhell said the four bandits swarmed into a small office after the guards within a few seconds after the Brink's men carried the payroll into the room. The money, contained in individual pay envelopes was in metal boxes.

"I looked up and just about that time I was hit by something," Truhell said. "I fell to the floor. When I came to, my hands and feet were tied. It must have been done in a hurry because it didn't take me long to wriggle out of the ropes."

Leaving Latinville and Flowers, who were bound but conscious, Truhell ran to written applications for redress, however, since many of the complaints were based on misunderstanding.

Last Equalization Board Meet Saturday

Tomorrow morning will be the final opportunity this year for discontented taxpayers to protest, officially, if they feel the assessed valuation on their property is too high.

The county board of equalization will meet at 11 a. m. (DST) Saturday for the last time. Already they have heard more complaints from taxpayers than in many years in the past. The meetings of the board are normally attended only by members of the board, but this year the taxpayers apparently remember the last fall's tax dispute when their protests came too late to accomplish much.

They were told at that time that the board of equalization was the proper place to lodge complaints and more than 30 have been heard so far this week. There have been fewer written applications for redress, however, since many of the complaints were based on misunderstanding.

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TRAINS CANCELED—Gateman Stewart Cantrell chalks in a sign reading "All New York Central trains canceled on account of strike" on the bulletin board of the Union Terminal in Cleveland, O., as locomotive firemen and engineers went on strike against four major railroad systems. Some 100,000 railroadmen are directly affected by the strike and 400,000 employees in other industries could be forced out of work.

Warnings Result of Rising Temperatures

Portland, Ore., May 12—(UP)—Warmer northwest temperatures this week brought floods, water shortages, and fire warnings into the news today.

The U. S. weather bureau said the Snake river at Lewiston, Idaho, was up 3 feet, the Columbia at Vancouver, Wash., up 2 feet and the Willamette at Portland up 10 feet.

At Wenatchee, Wash., the Columbia went up one-tenth of a foot despite a maximum temperature of 84 degrees yesterday.

Control Work Underway During the evening the river began rising—not from melting snow—but because of the release of additional water at Grand Coulee dam.

Jack Rogers, director of conservation and development in Washington state, said in Olympia that emergency flood control work already was going on in Okanogan county on the Okanogan and Twisp rivers to meet expected spring floods next month.

In California, the division of water resources said Shasta dam north of Redding had its most water storage behind it in history. However, a water shortage threatened in the San Joaquin valley. Deficiencies of water supplies for the fifth consecutive year were anticipated, despite scattered April rains over snow pack areas.

Near Chehalis, Wash., the first major brush fire of the season was controlled after it burned 10 acres.

Ferns Burned In Olympia, State Forester Bernard Orell said the current warm weather was bringing on a rash of fern-burning throughout the state. He said the burning hurt the forest industry because it killed thousands of young seedlings which need the shade of the fern for sun protection.

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Gen. MacArthur Claimed Overstepping Authority Washington, May 12—(UP)—Russia today accused Gen. Douglas MacArthur of overstepping his authority and violating the international war crimes agreement by creating a parole board to consider clemency for imprisoned Japanese war criminals.

In a formal protest delivered to the state department through the Soviet embassy here, the Russians demanded that the United States "immediately" take steps to countermand MacArthur's action.

Truman Denounces Taft-Hartley Law In Butte Address

Must Erase Statute, President Declares

Aboard Truman Train, May 12 (UP)—President Truman today denounced the Taft-Hartley labor law as "a substantial infringement of the basic freedom to bargain collectively."

Working eastward from the Pacific northwest, Mr. Truman selected Butte, Mont., to blast the labor law which he has used frequently to cope with nationwide strikes, but which he has vowed repeatedly to wipe from the nation's statutes.

Threatens To Destroy "The Taft-Hartley law hangs over the head of labor," Mr. Truman said, "threatening to destroy the gains of 15 years. There it will hang until we are able to replace it with a law that is favorable to management and labor alike."

The president said: "That is something we must do—not only for the sake of labor, but for the sake of the whole country. I believe profoundly that the Taft-Hartley law is a substantial infringement of the basic freedom to bargain collectively. I will not cease to fight for its repeal."

Mr. Truman crossed the Idaho-Montana border late last night. His train paused for several hours outside Missoula, then went on to Butte. He scheduled nearly a dozen other Montana speeches during the day, including a 20-minute rear platform appearance at Helena.

The president confessed disappointment over the failure of congress to expand social security coverage in closer conformity with his recommendations. But he said he was confident "that the congress will complete action at this session on legislation which will do much to remedy these shortcomings."

The president also stoutly supported a modernized unemployment insurance program with benefit payments "brought up to date with today's prices."

2. More federally supported housing for middle income families. (See story on page 8)

Mysterious Submarine Seen Off New Jersey Philadelphia, May 12—(UP)—Three crew members of an oil tanker sighted a mysterious submarine about 30 miles off the New Jersey coast, the Philadelphia Inquirer said it learned today.

The newspaper said it was informed that the periscope, protruding about seven feet above the water, was sighted from the deck of the Socony-Vacuum oil tanker S.S. Mobilgas about 35 miles south of Barnegat lightship. The location is 30 miles off the famous Atlantic City, N. J. beach.

Navy sources in Washington said they had no information concerning the incident. They said, however, that U. S. submarines from the New London, Conn., naval base have been in that general area recently.

The tanker was en route from Beaumont, Tex., to Port Socony, Bayonne, N. J., when it passed only 50 yards away from the periscope at about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Minister Refuses To Confirm Scouts Princeton, Wis., May 12—(UP)—The Rev. Walter Strohstein today stood firm on his refusal to confirm Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts in the Lutheran faith.

Strohstein's stand has caused a split among members of his congregation at St. John's church, a member of the Wisconsin synod of the Lutheran church.

"All we object to is the religious training given in the Scouts," Strohstein said yesterday. "We believe religious training belongs in the church and in the church alone."

'Youth Day' to Open National Security Week Monday; Senator Morse to Speak A larger parade is scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 20, Armed Forces day, during the morning. Other exhibits and exhibitions of weapons and marching will be given during the week.

Further details of Youth day and "Operation High School" will be worked out at a meeting between sponsors of the observance and student body leaders at 10 a. m. tomorrow at the Medford armory, Medford Post 15, American Legion, will provide refreshments for the students attending and representatives of the Boy and Girl scouts, civil air patrol and student body representatives from Medford, Ashland, Eagle Point, Phoenix, Jacksonville, Gold Hill and Rogue River high schools are scheduled to attend.



HARBORIZED—This service garage in Emerson, Manitoba, Canada, is flooded, but not with business. Waist-deep water surrounding the station is part of the flood which has plagued Southern Manitoba and Northern Minnesota for more than a week. It's hardly the place for cars, but motorboats couldn't ask for a better port.

Rain Ups Suffering In Flooded Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Man., May 12—(UP)—The worst thing that could happen to flooded Winnipeg happened today. It rained.

Water from the skies lengthened the odds against thousands of flood fighters winning their battle to save Canada's fourth city from the Red river.

Premier Douglas L. Campbell cried despairingly: "It's the worst thing that could have happened."

Rain Worst Enemy Campbell slouched around in knee-high rubber boots, checking the progress of muddy flood waters cutting the city into dozens of isolated sections and forcing evacuation of 40,000 persons.

"Rain is our worst enemy now," he said. "More rain makes it a disaster."

A radio announcer told the remaining residents of this provincial capital: "God have mercy on us."

Army flood relief officials set up an emergency committee with drastic power to act.

Thousands of residents still in their homes prepared to flee the steadily rising torrents which already have inundated 12 square miles of greater Winnipeg. The water level was up to 12 feet around scores of homes and flood officials kept warning the "worst was yet to come."

Campbell said all the city's power facilities would be closed down if the river rose 2 1/2 feet higher and weather forecasters said it would.

They said the Red would climb another five feet before the crest was reached, probably some time next week.

Communist Leader Starts Jail Term

Washington, May 12—(UP)—Communist leader Eugene Dennis was put in jail today to serve a one-year sentence for contempt of congress.

Dennis' associates in the courtroom called "So long, Gene" as a bailiff snapped handcuffs on Dennis and led him away. He was taken to cell blocks in the courthouse basement to start a one-year sentence for refusing to obey a house un-American activities committee subpoena in 1947.

Defense Attorney Joseph F. Forer asked that his client be allowed to stay out of jail until June 27 so he could continue to act in his own defense before the court of appeals in New York.

Dennis, general secretary of the U. S. communist party, and 16 other national communist officials, were convicted in New York federal court of conspiracy to preach violent overthrow of the government. Their case is now before the appeals court.

Agreement Near on Foreign Aid Bill

Washington, May 12—(UP)—Senate-house conferees pushed toward final agreement today on the administration's \$1,100,000,000 foreign aid bill.

Chairman Tom Connally (D., Tex.) of the senate foreign relations committee said he hopes a compromise bill can be completed today.

President Truman sent both houses an urgent plea for speedy action yesterday, saying prompt approval was needed to strengthen the hand of Secretary of State Dean Acheson at the London meeting of foreign ministers.

The measure would authorize \$2,850,000,000 in third year spending under the Marshall plan for European recovery. It also would authorize \$221,450,000 in aid for China, Korea and Palestine refugees.

Lie Confers With Vishinsky in Moscow Moscow, May 12—(UP)—Trygve Lie, secretary general of the United Nations, talked for 90 minutes today with Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky.

7 OIL PRODUCERS FACE CHARGES IN ANTI-TRUST SUIT West Coast Companies In Government Action

Los Angeles, May 12—(UP)—The government filed an anti-trust suit today against the seven major west coast oil producers and asked the courts to force them out of the business of retailing gasoline and other petroleum products.

In one of the most inclusive anti-trust actions ever filed, the department of justice accused the seven producers and their voluntary conservation committee, through which they limit daily California crude oil production, of setting up a monopoly.

Named as defendants were the Standard Oil company of California, the Texas company, Shell Oil company, Tidewater-Associated Oil company, Richfield Oil Corp., General Petroleum Corp. and Union Oil company of California.

The eighth defendant was the conservation committee of California Oil Producers, a committee through which the government accused the producers of combining to limit the amount of crude oil pumped daily in California.

The civil suit asked the court to require the seven companies to cease selling gasoline and other refined products except for wholesaling their products at refineries and marine terminals.

Companies Required To Dispose Of Bulk Of Retail Stations It also demanded that they be required to dispose of the bulk of their retail service stations.

It accused them of monopolizing production, transportation, refining, and marketing of crude oil and refined products in the five western states, which it described as a "self-contained area" for the production and refining of petroleum products.

Ninety per cent of the petroleum refined in the west also is consumed in the west, and virtually no petroleum products are either imported or exported to the area, the suit said.

Filing of the comprehensive action against the \$3,500,000,000 California oil industry climaxed a two-year investigation conducted by William C. Dixon, west coast head of the anti-trust division for the department of justice.

Methods Cited Assistant United States Attorney General Herbert Bergson, head of the anti-trust division, flew to Los Angeles to direct the filing in person.

The suit specified the following methods by which the companies were alleged to have established a monopoly:

1. Limiting the amount of crude oil independent companies produce through the conservation committee.

2. Coercing independents to adhere to production quotas assigned.

3. Refusing to let independents use pipelines on the same terms as were granted to the major producers.

4. Eliminating competition by purchasing assets of independent refineries and inducing them to dismantle.

5. Fixing production quotas of wells owned by independent refiners so low that they deprived the independent firms of supplies needed to meet their demand then refusing to sell them additional crude oil.

6. Making reciprocal exchanges of crude oil among themselves, but not with the independents.

7. Requiring wholesalers and retailers to handle products of the individual major companies exclusively.

The following public statement was made by Robert L. Minckler, president of General Petroleum Corp., Los Angeles, in response to a suit filed today by the anti-trust division of the department of justice:

"General Petroleum is not part of any monopoly group or conspiracy to restrain trade. We conduct our business in a lawful and honorable manner.

"We will resist these untruthful charges against us with all our strength. We will supply our employees and friends with further facts when we have had an opportunity to study the complaint."

General Petroleum Corp. produces, manufactures and markets petroleum products in the seven western states.

Phoenix May Festival To Open Tomorrow

Phoenix, May 12—Community leaders said today there will be "a constant whirl of entertainment" in Phoenix Saturday and Sunday, as the annual May festival of this community gets under way at 11 a. m. tomorrow for two days.

Crowning of the Festival queen will take place at 11 a. m. Saturday, when last year's queen will relinquish her crown to the new ruler. Booths and games at the Festival grounds will be open until late Saturday evening.

Two dances, old time and modern, will be featured tomorrow evening. Dedication Sunday High point of the week-end celebration will be the dedication of the new community and Youth Center building at 1 p. m. Sunday, when Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college, will speak.

The last tabulation of votes for Festival queen before she is finally chosen was made last night. The contest will end today at 6 p. m.

Last night's tabulation showed that Miss Wanda Norton, sponsored by the Phoenix PTA, had moved into the lead with a total of 10,311 votes. She moved up from third place, taking over the top spot from Miss Bonnie Terzenbach, sponsored by the Lions club, who dropped to third place, with 8,668 votes.

Second place was being held by Miss Shirley Dudley, sponsored by the Neighbors of Woodcraft Thimble club, who had 8,872 votes. Other queen candidates, their sponsors and their total votes were:

Miss Rosalie Klassen, Phoenix Grange, 7,040; Miss Virginia Roberts, Phoenix Garden club, 6,078; Miss Barbara Barlow, Phoenix Youth group, 4,723, and Miss Sally Tripp, Thursday club, 2,992.

Rear-View Mirrors Might Have Helped There were two probably embarrassed drivers and an addition to the year's total of odd mishaps hereabouts following a collision on College street this morning.

According to reports filed with city police, cars operated by John M. Lynch, 1805 East Main street, and B. F. Rosam bumped as they were simultaneously backing out of driveways on opposite sides of the street.

Police said little damage occurred.

British Destroyer Seized from Nationals Hongkong, May 12—(UP)—The British destroyer Cossack seized the 564-ton British steamer Ethel Moller from its Chinese nationalist captors today—the second such rescue within two weeks.

The Cossack approached the steamer near Amoy, trained her guns upon it and ordered it to proceed to Hongkong. The Moller was believed to be carrying 150 nationalist troops and two generals. Both ships were expected here tomorrow.

The admiralty in London said a boarding party from the Cossack disarmed the troops, who did not resist.

Salem, Ore., May 12—(UP)—The military Order of the Purple Heart will hold its state convention in Salem, June 4.