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WEATHER

FORECAST: Clear and continued warm tonight and Friday.
Temp.
Highest Yesterday 84
Lowest this Morning 56

MORE FOREIGN MONEY, DRAFT EXTENSION SOUGHT

Central Point Vote Set Monday; Budget Smaller Than in 1949

Central Point, June 1—Residents of Central Point will vote on the city's budget for the coming year from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. next Monday, June 5, at the city library, it was announced today by Arden Pinkham, city recorder.

A budget which is \$4,513 in excess of the constitutional six per cent limitation but almost

May Building Here Highest Ever for One-Month Period

Spurred by a residential construction boom, building valuations in Medford skyrocketed in May to an all-time peak for one month, the city building inspector's office reported today.

Total valuation of building for which permits were requested last month was \$741,435. Previous high was May 1949 with \$605,914.

79 Home Projects

Of last month's figure, \$600,350 represented 79 residential projects, surpassing the former record for housing, \$431,700 in March 1949, when 81 residence permits were granted.

The 136 building permits issued for May 1950 exceeded the old mark of 126 for March 1949.

Two projects by Bruce Bauer, Inc., featured last month. One development numbered 34 homes valued at \$208,000 in southwest Medford. The other, 17 houses in Oak Ridge subdivision, amounted to \$129,000 for a \$397,000 total.

Other highlights were the \$75,000 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on South Ivy street and the \$65,000 A. B. Barnes Jr., apartment house on Whitman avenue.

The May 1950 tabulation included 32 residence renovations, \$21,145; five new businesses, \$83,000; seven business renovations, \$18,295; seven new garages, \$4,450; four sheds, \$4,245; one demolition permit and one request to move a building.

Longview, Wash., June 1—(U.P.) Members of the Longview city patrol were making one last sweep of the wooded section at the foot of Mt. St. Helens in search for missing Seattle skier, Joe Carter, 32, lost on the mountain slopes since May 21.

However, hope was fading that the veteran ski and mountain enthusiast would be found alive.

Search headquarters at Spirit Lake have been abandoned. Only the Longview group is still searching and it was to give up the search if no further clues were found today.

Carter's father returned to his home in Carmel, Cal., yesterday when state patrolmen, coast guardsmen and forest service members gave up efforts to find Carter.

Soil Conservation May Get Hearing June 22

A hearing on the formation of a proposed soil conservation district in the Sams Valley area may be set for June 22, County Agent W. B. Tucker was informed today.

Landowners in the central agricultural region have petitioned the state soil conservation committee for the hearing and if there appears to be sufficient interest in the proposed soil-saving measure, the committee will schedule a referendum election for the landowners involved to settle the issue.

NOW CAB DRIVER

Cedar Rapids, Ia., June 1—(U.P.) Robert Bednasek, 24, who was found innocent of the murder of his University of Iowa sweetheart, has begun a new life as a taxi-cab driver.

Man Held After Body of Brother, Dead Since 1948, Found in San Jose Home

San Jose, Cal., June 1—(U.P.) A 62-year-old man was held for investigation of murder today after he and a brother led authorities to the house of another brother who "nearly had been dead since 1948."

Under arrest was Peter Boeven, who aroused the suspicions of deputies when he said he had not seen his brother, Herman, for four years, although they were next door neighbors.

The story came to light when Peter's brother, Martin, of Los Altos, Cal., called on Peter yesterday. When he asked how Herman was, Peter replied he

had not seen him for several years.

Martin decided they should force their way into Herman's house.

There they found the mummified body of the 58-year-old carpenter lying on a bed, a coverlet neatly placed over him. Coroner's deputies described the corpse as decayed to the point where it was merely skin and bones and said it crumbled to dust when touched.

Later, several blood stains were found next to the body. There were no money, watches or other valuables in the house.

In a rambling story Peter told authorities he had entered Herman's house "six or eight times" since 1948, once "to check on the water" and another time to fix a lock, but he said he never entered the bedroom.

A check of official records showed Peter was released from the state mental hospital in Stockton, Cal., in 1943, in care of his brother, Herman. Peter said he and Herman quarreled in 1944 and that he moved out to a house next door.

"I haven't seen Herman around for years," he said. "I don't bother me any. He's a kind of hermit."

Counties participating included: Jackson, \$2,359.93; Josephine, \$995.93; Klamath, \$2,853.79.



FREE TO MARRY WIFE'S BEST FRIEND—Mrs. Mary Dulaitis (right) wants to give her husband a divorce, so he can marry her best friend. That's what she told a judge in Chicago, and he said okay, and granted the divorce. Mrs. Dulaitis said her friend, Miss Lorraine Lee, is about to bear a child by Dulaitis. Photo at left shows Frank Dulaitis and Miss Lee. —(Acme Telephoto).

Japan Ready, Willing to Sign Peace Pacts With West Nations

Tokyo, June 1—(U.P.)—Japan announced today that it is ready and willing to sign separate peace treaties with the western powers.

The surprise announcement by the Japanese foreign office was unprecedented and showed the government was ready to risk any dangers that might arise from failure to include Russia in a peace treaty.

A separate peace with the United States would put Japan definitely in the anti-communist bloc and probably would call for American protection against possible Soviet retaliation.

Japan renounced its right to armed forces for all time in its new post-war constitution.

The foreign office statement traced post-war developments and failure of the allies to agree on an over-all Japanese peace treaty. It concluded:

"Our nation should embark on a program of steadily achieving normal international status by concluding peace treaties with nations willing to accord it independence and equality."

Residents of even-numbered houses, or unnumbered houses on the north or east side of streets, may water from 6 to 11 a. m., and from 4 to 9 p. m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and Sunday morning.

Those living in odd-numbered houses, or unnumbered houses on south or west side of streets, may water during the same hours on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and Sunday afternoon.

Robert Duff, superintendent of Medford's water commission, pointed out today that this may be the last summer watering restrictions will be necessary.

Completion of the new pipeline to Big Butte springs, voted last month by city residents, will eliminate the need for restrictions. It is due to be completed next summer—perhaps in time for the driest portion of the year.

Springfield Mill Damaged by Flames

Springfield, Ore., June 1—(U.P.) Fire early today caused \$200,000 damage to the Bennett Lumber company sawmill here.

The fire was discovered about 3 a. m. It broke out near the mill's green chain after the night shift had gone home.

The Springfield and Eugene fire departments fought the blaze and succeeded in saving some equipment, including two trucks, a fuel loader and a lumber carrier.

The mill, which had been in operation for 10 years, was owned by Ben Bennett of California and Robert and Carl Kuhl of Portland. The mill normally employed 35 men.

Jackson Gets Money For County Fair

Salem, Ore., June 1—(U.P.)—Oregon counties received \$66,716.77 for the benefit of county fairs, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry said, upon apportioning the annual state millage tax of 1/20th of a mill.

The money is used for the payment of premiums and is in addition to moneys received by the counties from state racing revenues.

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Life With Commies Miserable, Flier Says

Hong Kong, June 1—(U.P.)—James McGovern, American airman who was forced down in communist territory during the nationalist retreat from the mainland, said today that six months in Chinese communist hands was "pretty miserable," although he was not mistreated.

McGovern, of Elizabeth, N.J., arrived in Hong Kong yesterday after a week's journey from Nanning, in Kwangsi Province, where he was released and sent under guard to Canton. He told his story to the press today.

McGovern was forced down December 4 while flying a cargo of tin out of South China in a plane of Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's civil air transport line.

Captured by the Indo-Chinese communists, he was turned over to the Chinese communists and held for the major part of his imprisonment in a hotel in Nanning, 150 miles north of the Indo-Chinese border.

Eastern Oregon Site To Get Consideration

Washington, June 1—(U.P.)—Assurances that eastern Oregon will be considered as a possible site for an \$11 million army quartermaster corps research laboratory have been obtained, Rep. Lowell Stockman (R., Ore.), said today.

Stockman said the defense department's research and development board has promised to consider the possibility of locating the laboratory in eastern Oregon.

Former Ambassador Named in Czech Plot

Prague, June 1—(U.P.)—A defendant in the treason trial of 13 Czechs testified today that he took part in a plot to stage an armed revolt in which a former U. S. ambassador and a brother of former President Edward Beneš played leading roles.

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Steinhardt was ambassador to Czechoslovakia from June, 1945, until after the communists took power in February, 1948. He was killed in a plane crash last March 28.

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Truman Asks Huge Sum for Foreign Military Spending

Program Must Be Part of U.S. Policy

Washington, June 1—(U.P.)—President Truman asked congress today for \$1,222,500,000 in foreign military aid next year because, he said, peace depends on the free world's ability to "stem those forces which seek to cloak the whole earth with the mantle of totalitarianism."

The president's request for the second year of the military aid program was contained in the first semi-annual report on the mutual defense assistance program enacted last year.

He said the program "must continue to be an integral part of the total foreign policy of the United States."

Mr. Truman also asked special smaller than the \$1,314,000,000 voted by congress for the current fiscal year which ends June 30.

He proposed that the new money be divided as follows:

North Atlantic treaty nations — \$1 billion (the same as this year).

Greece and Turkey — \$120 million compared with \$211,370,000 voted last year.

Less for Iran

Iran, the Philippines and southern Korea — \$27,500,000, compared with \$27,640,000 voted for this year.

General area of China — \$75 million, the same as this year.

Mr. Truman also asked special stand-by authority to use some of the money to help countries not specifically mentioned — in case of a serious emergency affecting the security of the United States.

In this connection, the report said:

"With the continuation of Soviet proberings for weak spots in the security structure of the free world, emergency situations of this character may well arise and require prompt and positive action by the United States."

Navy Plane Crash Kills Nine Airmen

Quonset Point, R. I., June 1—(U.P.)—A navy patrol plane crashed and burned in an emergency landing at this base today, killing nine of the 11 navy personnel aboard.

Only the pilot and co-pilot escaped death, and they were both injured severely.

All names were withheld by the navy pending notification of kin.

The crash occurred in dense fog. The plane, a twin-engine patrol craft, developed engine trouble and came in for an emergency landing. It landed hard, turned over and burst into flames.

Roswell, N. M., June 1—(U.P.)—An undetermined number of airmen were killed this morning when an air force B-29 bomber crashed about 15 miles southeast of here.

Officials at nearby Walker air force base, where the plane was stationed, were unable to say how many crewmen were aboard the craft. They said, however, that there were some survivors.

Demands Listed

The union's demand is for a maximum increase of 10 cents per hour, with a two-hour shorter week equaling about the same take-home pay but shorter hours, according to Moldovan and Cecil Martin, union business agent. In some categories the increase would amount to eight or nine cents, they said.

Current wages for bakers run from a minimum of 91 cents per hour to \$1.44 maximum, they reported.

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GUILTY?—Defense Attorney George T. Davis was to take over final arguments today in an effort to persuade a jury that Thomas P. Talle, above, is innocent of murdering his wife. The defense asserted Talle was "lousy" drunk the night of December 23 when his wife was found shot to death in their Los Gatos, Cal., home.

Truck Driver Dies In Accident; Was Last Load on Job

Donald Ray Allen, 22, Ashland, was making his last haul from the Meyer brothers' operation in the Carberry creek area when killed in a logging truck wreck yesterday morning, Coroner Carlos Morris said he was told.

Allen, employed by Carroll Smith, Ashland hauler, was to be shifted to another job, according to the report.

Morris said the motor of the truck driven by Allen apparently died as the vehicle started down a steep grade a short distance from the loading point and the brakes failed. The driver stayed with the truck which turned into the side of the mountain about 500 yards from the loading point.

The impact shifted the logs forward, crushing the cab and crushing the young man.

Allen had resided at Ashland two years. The body is at Conger-Morris funeral home and the parents who reside at Salt Lake City, are being notified.

Salem, Ore., June 1—(U.P.)—Salem cannery workers will receive increased wages this season, E. S. Benjamin, executive secretary of Salem Local 670, Cannery Workers union, said today.

Prineville, Ore., June 1—(U.P.)—Prineville's new 35-bed Pioneer Memorial hospital will be open to service Saturday, Raymond Adkisson, building committee chairman, reported today.

\$52,074 Judgment Given In Federal Court Session

Attorney Hugh B. Collins today won a federal district court judgment of \$52,074.56, plus attorney's fees of \$1,500, for his clients, Cecil L. Bandy and Langdon A. Pope, in a trial before Judge James Alger Fee of Portland.

The defendants in the case, J. W. McCulley and Billie Viola McCulley, filed petitions in voluntary bankruptcy when the action was started against them and Collins said today that "whether the judgment remains in force depends on the outcome of the bankruptcy proceedings."

Breach Of Contract

The case involves a breach of contract and action on a promissory note for \$20,000. The case was dismissed as to other defendants, James C. Rodgers et al, and action was brought against the McCulleys only. They did not appear in court. They are represented in the bankruptcy proceedings by O. H. Bengtson.

Other cases set for trial in the current term of federal court here are:

Greyhound company vs. W. B. Kincaid, and J. A. Peterson vs. Southern Pacific company.

The case of the office of the federal housing expediter vs. Mrs. M. H. Dufield and Dean A. Dufield was settled in favor of the plaintiff yesterday.



GUARDSMEN CALLED IN TEXTILE STRIKE—Backed by Tennessee highway patrolmen, national guardsmen with fixed bayonets stand at port arms while striking textile workers look on at the American Enka corporation mill in Morristown. The guard was called out by Gov. Gordon Browning after violence erupted at the strike-bound plant. Textile workers have been on strike for two months, seeking higher wages. —(Acme Telephoto)