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FORECAST—Mostly cloudy with showers today and tonight. Partial clearing late afternoon. Partly cloudy Monday. Expected high Sunday, 60-65. Highest Saturday, 73. Lowest Saturday, 38.

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Order Expected For Down Payment On Steel Wages

Bridges Wants Probe Of Seizure Authority

Washington—(U.P.)—A high government official predicted Saturday that Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer soon may order the steel industry to give the CIO United Steelworkers a "down payment" on their wage increase.

The official, who asked not to be identified, said a "reasonable" down payment would be a 12½-cent an hour boost and all fringe benefits except the union shop and premium pay for Sunday work.

The steel companies already have agreed on the record to the fringes, and government officials say they have raised from nine to 12½ cents their wage offer, retroactive to March 1.

No Wage Scale Change

A spokesman for Sawyer said the secretary does not plan to change the existing steel wage scale until after Acting Defense Mobilizer John R. Steelman formally notifies President Truman that the steel union-management negotiations have been terminated.

The spokesman did not rule out government action on steel wage if and when the negotiations collapse.

Both the union and the steel companies would "kick" at such an order from Sawyer. The steelworkers want the full 17½ cents and fringes adding up to a 26-cent total package in three installments, and they want it retroactive to January 1, the date their old contract expired.

The industry, which is fighting in federal court to have Mr. Truman's seizure nullified, would double its efforts.

Meanwhile, Senate Republican leader Styles Bridges served notice he will ask the Senate to investigate Mr. Truman's authority to seize the industry.

The New Hampshire Republican said he will introduce next week a resolution ordering the Senate Judiciary committee to determine whether Mr. Truman had any constitutional or statutory authority for taking over the nation's biggest industry.

Sen. Andrew F. Schoepel (R.-Kans.) said he would join Bridges in the resolution. He charged that Mr. Truman "has dealt a serious blow to collective bargaining, for there can be no collective bargaining where government puts all its influence and pressure on the one side and then denies management the right to accept a strike."

Telephone Systems To Merge May 26

Medford and Jacksonville telephone systems will be merged on May 26, it was announced Saturday by J. H. Creager, manager of the Medford exchange of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

Customers in either community can then call each other without the present 10 cent charge, Creager said. He added that there have been requests for this service over a period of years by both Jacksonville and Medford telephone users.

The company is now calling all Jacksonville customers about details of the proposed service, he said. Under the proposal, which will be filed with the Oregon public utilities commissioner, Jacksonville rates will be the same as Medford rates.

The new Jacksonville dial office will be placed in operation and the two-city plan will begin May 26, barring unforeseen contingencies, Creager said.

Odd Aerial Objects Seen By Midwestern Engineers

Minneapolis, Minn.—(U.P.)—Strange "aerial objects of undetermined origin" have been sighted whizzing through the skies over Minnesota and Wisconsin, a group of aerial experts said Saturday.

Pilots and engineers at the General Mills balloon experimentation project said the objects—neither balloons, airplanes or stars—were sighted in a spectacular series of aerobatics.

Saw Objects in October

J. J. Kaliszewski, supervisor of balloon manufacture for the Aeronautical Research Laboratories, said he first saw the objects on Oct. 10, 1951, 10 miles east of St. Croix, Wis.

Kaliszewski and Jack Donaghy were in an experimental balloon when the object, showing a "peculiar glow," came to-

Sioux City Braced for Disaster As Missouri Nears Record Crest

Sioux City, Ia.—(U.P.)—Sioux City, focal point of mid-western floods which have driven almost 41,000 persons from their homes, braced itself Saturday for a major disaster.

Dog-tired crews climbed down from the dikes as engineers gave up the fight to sandbag this city of 85,000 inhabitants against the highest Missouri river crest in its history.

Water Nearing Town
Floodwater already was creeping into town and the weather bureau said a record crest of 24½ feet would hit the city Monday.

Across the river in South Sioux City, Neb., nearly 2,000 persons already were homeless and a new blow struck Saturday when the river poured into a

residential area and flooded 500 more homes.
Water surged to the edge of South Sioux City's business district and flood control Chairman Marion Lockwood said "it now appears the entire town will be under water when the crest comes."

Mayor Wilbur Allen said, "This is sad news at this time. We ask all citizens not to get panicky."

Emergency crews of the Burlington railroad set up special shuttle trains to take refugees across the river to Sioux City.

Elsewhere, the Missouri, Mississippi and Red rivers and their numerous tributaries, swollen by the record snowfalls of the recent winter, sent floods surging across hundreds of thousands of acres in the Dakotas, Minnesota,

Wisconsin, Iowa and Nebraska. U.S. Army engineers warned that the worst is yet to come.
Downstream on the Missouri at Omaha, Neb., a flood crest of 30 feet was forecast for Wednesday or Thursday, and the river already stood a foot above the level of the disastrous flood of 1943.

Across the river from Omaha at Council Bluffs, Ia., Mayor James Mulqueen urged residents within 12 blocks of the river to "evacuate as soon as possible." The order affected residents on both sides of the town's main street, and was issued on the recommendation of Army engineers.

Gov. Val Peterson of Nebraska proclaimed a state of emergency "in Omaha and environs and along the flood course of the Missouri river in Nebraska."

TAX RETURNS OPENED TO PROBE

Income Tax Returns Made Available by President's Order

Washington—(U.P.)—President Truman Saturday opened to House Justice Department investigators income tax returns of all government officials against whom they have specific complaints, but Rep. Kenneth F. Keating (R.-N.Y.) was "afraid there may be a joker."

Keating, a member of a house judiciary subcommittee investigating the department, said a presidential order making the returns available to the committee was the "first tangible assistance" the committee has received.

Suspects "Joker"

But he added that he suspected a possible "joker."
Mr. Truman's order also said the tax returns would be made available if the committee had "credible evidence" which would be stated by the committee in its request for an official's tax returns.

The committee had asked Mr. Truman for the tax returns of ousted Attorney General J. Howard McGrath and 19 other present or former Justice department employees.

Mr. Truman issued an executive order directing the treasury to provide the returns requested by the subcommittee headed by Rep. Frank L. Chelf (D-Ky.), with these "appropriate limitations."

Limitations Listed
That the requests be accompanied by a written statement "stating the specific allegations and complaints" again at the individual.

That "the nature of the credible evidence upon which the complaints are based" be set out.

The president set no limit on the government employees for whom tax returns could be requested. Neither did Acting Secretary of the Treasury John S. Graham in directing treasury employees to supply the information when the request is accompanied by the complaints and evidence as outlined by Mr. Truman.

Chelf and Keating a member of Chelf's subcommittee, "commended" the president for his action.

Las Vegas, Nev.—(U.P.)—The vanguard of more than 7,000 army, navy and marine force personnel to participate in the forthcoming "public" atomic weapon test will begin arriving today, it was disclosed late Saturday.

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FLASHING big smiles, General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Senator Lodge (R., Mass.,) greet photographers after conference in Paris, France. (International)

Balloon Bears Top Prize in Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt

Somewhere in a generally northerly direction from Medford is a certificate entitling the Jackson county boy or girl 15 years of age or under who finds it to a prize of \$15.

The amount is the "super" grand prize for the 1952 Medford Kiwanis Easter egg hunt. Kiwanians attached the certificate to a gas-filled balloon which was released at Hawthorne park yesterday morning. When last seen the balloon was high in the air and headed north.

Release of the balloon was the climax to the annual egg hunt. First attempt to send the certificate skyward failed. The balloon broke.

Finder of the balloon is instructed to contact President Jennings Pierce or any other Kiwanian.

An estimated 1,000 to 1,500 youngsters turned out for the hunt and Kiwanians reported bedlam for about 15 minutes after the scramble for eggs began.

Twenty-four major prizes were presented and many more other prizes. Danny Moore and Sarah Jane Heubner were grand prize winners in the 1 to 3 age group. Mickey Rawley and Janet Glidden took top awards in the 4 to 6 division, and Gerry Van Dorn won the boys' grand prize in the 7 to 9 group. Name of the girl winner was not obtained.

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First Forest Fire Of Season Under Control Saturday

The first forest fire of the 1952 season was virtually out Saturday, according to reports from the state forest patrol and the Bureau of Land Management.

The fire covered some 85 acres of O and C and public domain land administered by the BLM, but burned mostly dry twigs and needles and a few small trees and seedlings.

It was located in a steep, remote area above Bybee springs in the Evans creek area. One man was patrolling the fire area Saturday. The fire was first reported Thursday afternoon by the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association radio, but it was 3:30 a. m. Friday before three state firefighters were able to reach the scene. Five BLM men reached the blaze later Friday.

The state patrol reported Saturday that they have had two other reports of smoke, which they said were caused by controlled trash burning. This may still be done in this area without permits, they added, as long as the fires are attended.

Forest patrolmen pointed out, however, that the forests are rapidly drying out. Last year, all burning was stopped by proclamation on April 10 and this year the same order, applying only to the area west of the Cascades north of Douglas county, was issued last Wednesday.

The drying out process this year and last has started much earlier than usual, and it is usually a full month later.

Kefauver Claims Arizona Victory

Phoenix, Ariz.—(U.P.)—A slate of 20 delegates to the democratic presidential convention in Chicago next July was elected at the Arizona state convention here Saturday, and the Kefauver forces claimed at least half the members.

However, the convention directed the delegates to vote as a unit, according to the wishes of the majority, and it was indicated they might not make any decision until they went to Chicago.

Frank Minarik, head of the Kefauver for President club at Tucson, Ariz., claimed at least 10 of the 20 delegates favored the Tennessee senator for the presidential nomination.

The Kefauver group was the only active one at the convention.

The 20 delegates will have only 12 votes, with 16 having a half vote, and four having one full vote. Minarik said he felt the delegates would go for Kefauver if his group could land enough of the full votes for a majority. How those votes would be divided was to be settled sometime later.

Paris—(U.P.)—The assembly and senate approved Japanese peace treaty became law in France Saturday upon its formal publication in the official journal.

Seoul—(U.P.)—Fifth Air Force headquarters announced Saturday that Capt. Ivan C. Kinchloe of Cassopolis, Mich., became the 10th jet ace in U.S. history Sunday when he shot down his fifth Communist MIG-15 fighter plane.

Threatened Strike Of Communications Workers Deferred

Pickets Ordered To Stay on Job

Washington—(U.P.)—The CIO Communications Workers union Saturday deferred indefinitely a threatened nationwide Bell System telephone strike because of progress in negotiations in Ohio and elsewhere.

Union President Joseph A. Beirne said, however, that picket lines in 43 states will remain up. He ordered all union members to continue respecting them.

Beirne had met with other top union officials to draft plans for calling out all union members to back up contract demands on the Bell System.

Progress in Cleveland

But progress at Cleveland, where the union was meeting with the Ohio Bell Telephone company, and various negotiations with Western Electric locals, caused the all-out strike threat to be deferred.

Beirne issued a statement saying "some movement in negotiations since Michigan Bell signed up yesterday for a 12.7 cents an hour wage hike made the union "defer action declaring the Bell System strike-bound."

Beirne said all picket lines would remain, except for those against which companies have obtained injunctions.

"We will respect those injunctions," Beirne said, "until we are able to have them lifted."

A union spokesman said Ohio Bell Saturday increased its wage offer by 50 cents a week but that it was still 50 cents under the amount agreed to by Michigan Bell.

Offers Rejected

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Striking northern California telephone plant workers rejected Saturday as "unrealistic" a company offer of an 11-cent hourly wage hike and broke off negotiations aimed at ending the week-old walkout.

Both company and union spokesmen said that the next meeting of the two sides would be subject to the call of Federal Conciliator Omar Hoskins who has been sitting in on the discussions.

Local Woman Gets Word of Husband In Mail Tribune

Reading The Mail Tribune each evening is a part of the day's ritual for most Medford residents, but it turned out to be one of life's more exciting moments Friday for Mrs. Phil H. Blood, 345 North Bartlett street.

A short one-paragraph story on page one of The Mail Tribune gave Mrs. Blood the first information that her husband, Sgt. Phil H. Blood, was returning to the United States after about a year on the fighting front in Korea. Mrs. Blood excitedly told reporters that she "knew he was coming home soon but didn't know exactly when."

Sergeant Blood is one of 1,432 Korean veterans scheduled to arrive in Seattle today aboard the USS Antolak. The ship was originally scheduled to arrive Monday but The Mail Tribune was informed Saturday by United Press that the time of arrival had been set ahead to today.

Mrs. Blood moved to Medford about two months ago from Redding, Calif. The Mail Tribune was unable to get in touch with her Friday because she is not yet listed in local directories.

After going through processing at Ft. Lewis, Wash., Sergeant Blood will be given a 30-day furlough. He will become eligible for discharge in November.

Sergeant Blood will have some "getting acquainted" to do when he arrives in Medford. Here to greet him along with Mrs. Blood is an eight-months old daughter he has never seen.

RED CROSS FUND UP
The local Red Cross drive Saturday had reached 60.02 per cent of its goal of \$27,500, it was announced by John Duffy, public information chairman.

Duffy said a total of \$16,506.65 has been collected to date.

Washington—(U.P.)—The weather Bureau said Saturday that thunderstorms accompanied by heavy winds ripped across the lower Mississippi river area Saturday and warned a tornado would strike in the deep South late Saturday or Sunday.

TAFT CHALLENGES IKE



MEDFORD MAN HAS DIFFICULTIES—Pictured above are Pvt. Royal F. Crandall, 28, of Medford, and Miss Lee Kum Suk, 19, Korean girl who Crandall wants to marry. The Medford soldier surrendered to California military authorities last Tuesday, admitting he had been AWOL since last January because his commanding officer in Korea refused him permission to marry Miss Lee. (International photo)

Army Private Crandall Awaits Further Action

Santa Maria, Calif.—Army Pvt. Royal F. Crandall, 28, Medford GI who went AWOL last January when the army refused him permission to marry a Korean girl, has been placed in the Camp Cooke, Calif., labor pool pending further action, army officials stated Saturday.

Camp Cooke authorities indicated that Crandall will face a board of review on the case sometime during the coming week. The Medford soldier turned himself in at Fort MacArthur last week stating that he had "decided to settle this thing and clear the way for me and Lee to be married." He is engaged to

marry Miss Lee Kum Suk, 19-year-old Korean girl whom he met while a patient in an army hospital at Taegu, Korea.

Crandall told army officers he "had all necessary papers for the marriage signed by his commanding officer in Korea" late last year, but a new commanding officer refused to give permission for the wedding. He stated that he obtained two extensions of service in order to stay in Korea, but was ordered home on rotation.

He requested return to Korea on arriving in the United States, but was ordered transferred to Arizona. At that time he went AWOL to his sister's home in San Francisco, where he had worked at odd jobs until turning himself in.

Private Crandall's mother is a Medford resident, friends stated Saturday. Her name is Mrs. Jones, but her address and further details could not be obtained.

Two Medford boys, one a senior at Medford high school, the other a high school graduate now attending Oregon State college, have been chosen by the Naval Reserve Officers Training corps for their college program, the Navy announced Saturday.

The young men are William M. (Bill) McAllister, son of Mr. and Mrs. William McAllister, 2615 Hilcrest road, now in high school here, and Frederick H. (Hal) Faulkner, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Faulkner, 908 Whitman avenue, now at OSC.

The boys are two of 1,800 officer candidates selected from civilian life by the bureau of naval personnel in Washington, D. C. A group of 450 alternates also were picked.

From Wide Field
Selection was from a field of 32,000 applicants, and was made through Naval college aptitude tests and personal interviews with a board composed of an educator, a business man and a Navy or Marine officer.

Both boys will be given college educations at the expense of the Navy, and after graduation will be commissioned as ensigns in the Naval reserve or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps reserve.

In addition to the 1,800 civilian officer candidates, 200 candidates are selected for the program from eligible men on active duty with the Navy or Marines.

Truce Negotiators Told To Stand Firm

Washington—(U.P.)—Allied truce negotiators at Panmunjom have been ordered to stand firm against granting major concessions to the Communists to win a quick armistice, administration officials revealed Saturday.

There have been reports the Allies were ready to grant big concessions. But officials familiar with Washington and Allied policy said the Allied negotiators have been instructed to play the Red waiting game and not give on fundamental principles.

There is no doubt here that the Reds are stalling in hopes of winning out on basic issues blocking an armistice.

"The Reds may think the Americans finally will say the hell with it and quit the war on their terms," an official told a reporter. "But we can wait just as long as they can."

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