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Weather

FORECAST: Variable cloudiness with decreasing showers tonight and Thursday. Low tonight 38. High Friday 65.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	70
Lowest this Morning	51
Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today	.02

BILL McALLISTER

MARILYN BOHNERT

Win Top Posts in Statwide Elks Leadership Contest

Valley Boy and Girl Win Top State Posts In Leaders Contest

Two Rogue valley young people—Bill McAllister of Medford and Marilyn Bohnert of Central Point—have been chosen as top winners of the statewide Youth Leadership Contest, sponsored by the Elks' lodge.

V. Aubrey Norris, exalted ruler of the Medford lodge, was informed by Dr. Andrew Lloyd, Toledo, Ore., chairman of the Elks' state youth activities, that McAllister is first place winner of the state competition among boys, and Miss Bohnert won second place among girls.

Many Applicants

The two made the high ratings among several hundred applications submitted from throughout the state. It is the fourth time Medford lodge applicants have placed in state contests. Two have placed in national contests.

McAllister is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William McAllister Sr., 2615 Hillcrest road. It was announced recently that he was one of few boys throughout the nation to be chosen for the Navy's college training program. He has been prominent in student activities at Medford high school, and has consistently maintained a high academic record.

Miss Bohnert is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bohnert, Route 1, Central Point, and is a student at Crater high school. She has been an outstanding member of the 4-H program for some eight years, leaders reported this morning. She was alternate winner of a Standard Oil scholarship in competition at the Cow Palace in San Francisco recently; has been a consistent top winner in many phases of 4-H work, particularly in the production of beef cattle, and won the state phase of the national meat production contest last year. She is leader of a cooking club, has served as a camp counsellor, and has won 4-H honors in clothing and style work.

To National Contest

The record of young McAllister, as state boys' winner, will be forwarded to the Elks' National Youth Leadership Contest commission, to be judged on a national basis.

The program is designed to teach young people self-control, self-reliance and independence, and to encourage them to reach for high ideals, and to make themselves better Americans.

In another phase of the same Elks' program, the local lodge will conduct a "Make May Day American" observance at 8 p.m. tomorrow at the temple here, and will present McAllister and Miss Bohnert with their local and state awards.

The Youth Day observance May 1 is part of a nationwide program of opposition to Communist demonstrations throughout the world on this day.

In proclaiming Youth day in Medford tomorrow, Mayor D. L. Flynn urged all veteran, fraternal and service clubs, schools, libraries and churches to join in paying tribute to American youth with appropriate programs. "To build character into our citizens of tomorrow is a noble service to our way of life," the mayor stated.

"America's youth will guard our heritage of freedom and defend and preserve the democratic way of life which has made the United States the land of opportunity and hope for all mankind," Mayor Flynn's proclamation continued. "We, as Americans, should support a program to deliberately counteract all subversive propaganda by rallying America's youth to pay tribute to the free institutions which have made this nation powerful, progressive and happy."

Both Norris and Mayor Flynn pointed to the connotation which Communists throughout the world have placed on May day. The day is used by "subversives for noisy demonstrations for Communism's philosophy of regimentation, dictatorship and the destruction of human rights," they said. They stated that the American people must inspire and encourage American youth to continue and increase our liberties.

Awards will also be given to winners in a Most Valuable Student contest. They are Roy Rogers, Medford, first; Neil Richardson, Crater, second; Sue Harris, Medford, third, and Shirley Edison, Crater, fourth.

Music for the program will be provided by the Medford high school orchestra. Parents of students and the public are invited to attend.

Wind Gusts Reach Velocity of 46 MPH

Winds that reached an average velocity of 30 to 33 miles per hour with gusts in the high 30's and low 40's before midnight last night quieted by about 2:30 a.m. today. Rainfall that followed amounted to .03 of an inch up to noon today. It was the first measurable precipitation at the weather bureau office at the airport since Sunday, April 13.

The weather bureau reported one gust of 46 miles per hour at 8:04 p.m. Tuesday.

Winds began to blow appreciably about 1:45 p.m. Tuesday. By 6 p.m. they had blown 15 to 25 miles per hour with gusts up to 40.

Enemy Negotiators Study Allied Plan

Munsan, Korea —(U.P.)— Communist truce negotiators studied an Allied plan for ending the Korean war for the third straight day Wednesday and gave no hint of when they would reply.

The United Nations command proposed an "over-all" solution to the three issues blocking an armistice Monday. The Reds asked for an indefinite recess to study the plan.

Reliable reports from Washington said the Allies offered to return three out of five of the prisoners they hold.

Jerusalem— (U.P.) —Israel celebrated its fourth independence day Wednesday.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL

Boston	5	8	2
Pittsburgh	11	9	1

Cole, Johnson 3, Burdette 5, Thiel 6, Conely 8 and St. Claire; Dickson, Wilks 8 and Garagiola.

Home Runs: Matthews 5th, none on; Metkovich 7th, 2 on; Torgeson 8th, none on; St. Claire 8th, none on.

AMERICAN

St. Louis	9	13	0
New York	4	9	1

Cain, Paige 7, and Courtney; Raschi, McDonald 3, Schallock 9, and Berra.

Home runs: Manile 6th, 1 on.

County School Board Sets Meeting Tonight

A non-high school board meeting will be held in the Jackson county court house at 8 p.m. today, according to the county school superintendent's office.

Among the matters to be considered are the second payment for non-high school transportation of high school students in non-high districts, truancies of non-high school students, and nominating petitions for candidates to be elected to the board at the June 16 annual election.

Board members include A. E. Brockway, Medford; E. A. Taylor, Central Point; H. D. Barber, Trail; L. J. Cooper, Jacksonville and Carl Quackenbush, Medford. Mrs. Jonas Cox, Talent, will act as secretary pro tem in the absence of the regular secretary, Alf B. Mekvold, county school superintendent.

Businesses, Mayor Approve 'Summer Working Hour' Plan

Residents Asked For Cooperation

Clocks will stay the same in Medford, but most working hours will begin earlier, it was generally agreed by representative businessmen and the city administration today.

Mayor Diamond L. Flynn, supported by a committee representing most business interests, recommended that "Summer Working Hours" be generally adopted throughout the city and county.

Under this plan, clocks will remain on Pacific standard time, and stores and businesses will open one hour earlier in the morning and will close one hour earlier in the evening.

Plan Now Working

It is the plan which most retail stores in the city are now following, and at this morning's meeting, businessmen, utility spokesmen, radio station representatives, labor leaders and others voted to support the mayor in his recommendation of the "Summer Working Hours."

After the meeting, Mayor Flynn said he is asking the residents to cooperate in the plan, which he feels is the best possible compromise between the business necessity of conforming to daylight saving time areas, the desire of the majority of residents to leave the clocks alone, and conformity with state law.

Majority Vote Cited

He reminded those attending the meeting this morning that a majority of county residents two years ago voted against daylight saving time, and stated the city feels an obligation to the rest of the county to observe that decision. However, business requirements, involving coordination with markets for businessmen and timing of radio network broadcasts, makes it desirable that working hours conform, he said. He added that he feels the city should assume leadership in the matter.

The mayor will broadcast a statement regarding his recommendation over radio stations KYJC (1230 kc) and KMED (1400 kc) at 5:15 p.m. today.

City employees will begin observing earlier working hours tomorrow, although the open hours of the city hall will stay unchanged, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. They had voted about 80 per cent in favor of the change. City councilmen last night indicated they had no objection to the changed working hours, and City Superintendent Robert A. Duff said today that the new "Summer Working Hours" will be observed by city employees beginning tomorrow.

Hopes No More Confusion

The mayor concluded by saying he hopes his recommendations will be followed, and that with the clocks staying the same, the confusion will be eliminated.

Among those which have indicated they will, or probably will observe "Summer Working Hours" will be virtually all Medford retail stores, including chain stores, lumber retail merchants, city employees, California Oregon Power company, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, Bear Creek orchards (by a virtually unanimous vote of employees and management personnel this morning) and others.

Schools at least for the present, will not change their hours.

Element of Confusion

(One element of confusion remained today, as the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company's time signal, which originates in Portland, began broadcasting daylight saving time. J. H. Creager, PTT manager here, said the company has to follow the wishes of the majority in the state, and with Portland and several other towns on DST, the telephone time signal will have to go along. The equipment will not broadcast both times. He pointed out, however, that if the situation is thoroughly understood here, simple subtraction of one hour from the time given by the signal will give the correct time here.)

Portland — (U.P.) — Thousands of Portlanders went to work an hour earlier than usual Wednesday as the city went on daylight time at 2:01 a.m. despite the declaration of Gov. Douglas McKay that Oregon as a whole will remain on standard time.

Thousands of Portlanders who went to work on fast time had to wait impatiently for buses because the traction company still was observing standard time.

The Portland City Council Tuesday approved a proclamation establishing fast time and other Oregon and Southwestern Washington cities began steps to keep in swing with the Oregon metropolis.

Opponents Consult

But no sooner had the council approved the proclamation than opponents of fast time started consulting their attorneys.

Elmer McClure, master of the Oregon State Grange, called a meeting of the executive committee to determine what action the Grange will take. He said he had asked the lawyers of the farmers' group to determine whether the action of the city has the force of law or is merely an expression of opinion.

No Clock Change; Earlier Work Hour Recommended

Self-Designated Bank Robber To Make Full Confession in Church

Topeka, Kan.—An unidentified man who says he robbed the Hoyt, Kan., State Bank four years ago wants to "get right with God" and will make a public confession at a Topeka church Sunday.

A sheriff with a wire recorder will be in the congregation. The mystery man faces almost certain arrest and prosecution.

Authorities Won't Stop Confession

But the minister, through whom the self-designated bank robber has arrange to "make full restitution," said Wednesday the expected presence of Jackson County Sheriff Ernest White and County Attorney Donald Sands of Holton, Kan., in the church Sunday will make no difference. The public confession will go off as planned.

The youthful bank robber apparently already has begun monetary restitution of his share of nearly $1,000 which three men scooped up at the Hoyt bank May 17, 1948.

None of the money was ever recovered. But recently the bank received $20 through the mail. The anonymous sender said it was the first installment of his $335 share in the 1948 robbery loot.

The three robbers forced Orin Williams, a cashier who now is president of the bank, to flee with them following the holdup. Williams later was released unharmed.

Public Confession To Be Broadcast

A few days after the robbery, two men identified as two of the suspects were killed when the automobile they occupied was involved in a collision near Topeka.

The public confession was scheduled for 9 a.m. Sunday at Seward Avenue Baptist church at Topeka. It will be broadcast.

The Rev. Howard L. Brume, pastor of the church, said the mystery man "came to me last Saturday and suggested this himself."

Salem — (U.P.) — Lester Wilsox, assistant superintendent public instruction for Oregon, said Wednesday his office was advising school districts throughout the state to remain on standard time.

"However," he said, "we are pointing out that school boards have the authority to fix time for opening and closing of the schools.

Flights Resumed Over Russia Zone Following Incident

Berlin — (U.P.) — The Western resumed flights over the Soviet zone of Germany between Berlin and the west Wednesday despite a Soviet fighter plane attack on an Air France airliner.

Air France, Pan American Airways, British European Airways and the Allied armies flew all regularly scheduled trips along the three prescribed air corridors over the Soviet zone.

The commercial flights were suspended temporarily Tuesday after two Soviet MIG jet fighters riddled a Berlin-bound Air France DC-4 with bullets and shell fragments, wounding two German passengers seriously and a crew member slightly.

Each side blamed the other for the attack, which Western officials said occurred some 75 miles southwest of Berlin in the four power-approved Berlin-Frankfurt air corridor.

Loyal Citizens Slated To Take Bows Thursday

Salem —(U.P.)— While Russia and associated countries are celebrating the Red uprising Thursday — May Day — America will be having a little celebration of its own in the form of "loyalty day."

Gov. Douglas McKay Wednesday designated May 1 as loyalty day in Oregon and noted that "it provides a time for our loyal citizens to stand up and be counted."

Oil Strike Poses Shortage Threat

Denver —(U.P.)— About 90,000 of the nation's union oil workers—the men who help to process the oil and send it flowing through pipelines to wholesalers—went on strike at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday.

The strike posed a threat of shortages for motorists, transportation lines and those who heat homes and office buildings with oil.

Runs on service stations by motorists were reported at scattered points when the word went out that civilian supplies would be exhausted within a week if the strike continues.

Line of Cars Waiting

At Cushing, Okla., for example, where the Deep Rock refinery was closing down, every filling station had a line of cars waiting to fill up the gas tanks and many of the motorists were carrying away extra gallons in cans.

Just how great an effect, and how soon, the strike will have on the nation's 8,000,000 users of natural gas could not definitely be determined in the early hours of the strike. A union official said "the possibility is there," but he added that consumers in only a few areas would be affected.

South Hardest Hit

About 30,000 of the striking oil workers were in Kansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas, where 19 refineries were shut down. Only the Utah Oil Refining Company plant was involved in Utah, so far.

Union officials, who exempted California locals from the strike because of the importance of the Pacific Coast refineries to the UN campaign in Korea, predicted that about half of the nation's daily output of gasoline and oil would be cut off by the strike.

Farm Bureau Meeting Under Way Here Today

A regional meeting of the Oregon Farm Bureau federation members of Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties opened this morning in the Jackson county courthouse with 20 members present.

A noon luncheon was held, followed by an afternoon session ending at 3 p.m.

Red Blanket Woods Strike Settled; Others Still Out

CIO Woodworkers employed by the Red Blanket Lumber company at Prospect and Eagle Point returned to work today, after being off briefly yesterday as a northwest-wide strike of woods workers started.

The Red Blanket strike was settled at a negotiation meeting yesterday afternoon, after a proposed contract had been reworded to the satisfaction of both company and union.

150 Still Out

About 150 employes of Medford corporation remained on strike here, however, and pickets still were on duty at the approaches to the Medford plant. The CIO striking workers are woods and railroad employees. AFL employees at the sawmill reported for work as usual, according to B. L. Nutting, Medco manager.

A threatened strike at Fir Milling and Planing company, Ashland, was averted when union and company agreed on a contract two hours before the strike deadline at midnight Monday.

At issue in the strike at Medco are health and welfare benefit deductions, which the union wants the company to pay. The strike at Medco is one phase of an industry-wide strike which has idled some 40,000 workers throughout the northwest.

SOME BACK TO WORK

Portland, Ore.—(U.P.)—A union approved back-to-work movement at a few small operations was reported Wednesday as a strike of 40,000 CIO woodworkers went into its second day in five Pacific Northwest states.

The walkout affected more than 700 operations, union officials said, although the huge Weyerhaeuser Timber Company's 8,000 employes who signed an agreement with the union earlier, were out on strike.

Starts Tuesday

The strike started Tuesday when negotiations broke down over the union's demand for an increased employer contribution to a health and welfare program. The union asked for nine cents an hour contribution instead of seven and one-half cents.

Although about 700 operations were shut down by the strike, picketing was not extensive. The walkout did not tie up the Northwest's lumber industry because many mill and logging operations have employes who belong to other unions.

Eisenhower Scores Smashing Victory In Massachusetts

General Captures 29 of 38 Delegates

Boston—(U.P.)—The vote count gave Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower a smashing victory in the Massachusetts primary Wednesday. He topped Sen. Robert A. Taft by better than two to one in the write-in popularity poll and captured 29 of the state's 38 delegates.

His delegate victory threw him into a 271-271 tie with Taft in the number of delegates to the party's nominating convention committed so far. It takes 604 votes to nominate the GOP presidential candidate. Massachusetts' 38 delegates each has one full vote.

Eisenhower not only defeated Taft in the GOP preferential poll. He finished second to Sen. Estes Kefauver in the Democratic popularity voting.

Eisenhower won 27 of the 28 district delegates plus two at-large delegates. Taft captured one district delegates and two at-large delegates for a total of three.

However, the at-large delegates were unopposed and comprised a "harmony" slate of 10 which included two pro-Taft, two pro-Eisenhower and six "neutrals."

Record Number of Votes

Returns from all but 12 of the state's 1,739 precincts gave:

Republican: Eisenhower 246,201; Taft 106,038; MacArthur 2,214; Warren 1,491; Stassen 1,105.

Democrats: Kefauver 27,481; Eisenhower 15,674; President Truman 6,889; Taft 4,453; Dever 2,059; Stevenson 1,317.

A record high of more than 400,000 voters braved intermittent drizzles and chilly weather to cast their ballots Tuesday. The Republican vote alone was well over an unprecendented 340,000. The Democratic vote totaled nearly 60,000.

The Massachusetts primary was the nation's last clear-cut popular primary contest between Taft and Eisenhower directly.

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Tuesday Said Example Of Heating Necessity

"Tuesday morning was a perfect example of the necessity of orchard heating," according to County Horticulturalist C. B. Cordy.

"If we hadn't heated, there wouldn't have been any pears left in the colder spots," Cordy explained. "During the night there was only a two degree temperature raise, with the earliest heating at 10:30 p.m."

Cordy didn't believe that there was "too great a damage," and said the extent could not be told until the sun had turned the damaged buds brown. The present bud stage was described as "precarious" as to frost effect and will increase as the stage develops.

Most of Nation's Production Halted By Strike Order

Automobiles Stoned; Workers Jostled

Washington — (U.P.) — The House Armed Services Committee Wednesday scheduled "immediate" hearings on a bill to let the federal courts enjoin the steel strike and, if necessary, operate the mills indefinitely under a receivership.

Pittsburgh—(U.P.)—Angry CIO United Steelworkers walked out across the nation Wednesday, cutting off 95 per cent of the country's steel production.

Violence was reported in the Pittsburgh area as union pickets closed the plans following CIO President Philip Murray's "cease work" order.

Automobiles Stoned

Automobiles leaving plants in the mill-studded Monongahela river valley were stoned. Workers on foot were jostled. The union sent sound trucks into the streets to help police restore order.

At U. S. Steel's Clairton plant, 500 men gathered at the gates to hurl epithets and stones. Several cars were damaged. A union section leader, accused of failing to spread the walkout order, had to be rescued from the mob by plant police.

Supervisor Held Out

At Duquesne, Pa., even top ranking supervisors were denied entrance to the U.S. Steel plant there. At McKeesport, pickets blocked the entrance of the National Tube Co., refusing to permit cars to drive through. The machines finally edged through the crowd with the men pounding on their sides with their fists.

However, industry officials said the process of closing the mills was proceeding in an orderly fashion. The union followed its custom of permitting some men to aid in the cooling and banking of furnaces to prevent damage.

Confusion Results

An exception was at Steubenville, O., plant of Wheeling Steel Corp, "Confusion" resulting from the suddenness of the walkout order interfered with the shutdown procedure. Officials said they had not determined the "extent of the damage," to coke ovens, open hearths and blast furnaces.

The walkout, which followed a Federal Court order holding the government's seizure of the mills unconstitutional, will cost the nation 300,000 ingot tons of steel a day.

Washington —(U.P.)— The government said Wednesday it would take legal action against striking steelworkers who do not return to work if the courts would reinstate federal possession of the steel industry.

Attorney General Holes Baldridge made the statement as the government argued before the U. S. Court of Appeals for an order to keep steel mills in government possession until the Supreme Court can rule on the legality of President Truman's seizure.

Federal Judge David A. Pine signed an order formally returning the strike-idled mills to private ownership. He refused the government's request to hold up his order.

(See story on page 6)

Flying Saucers Seen In Western Washington

Seattle —(U.P.)— Flying saucers apparently still are not obsolete. Seattle longshoreman Charles Johnson said he saw "10 or 12" of them flying over Lake Tanwax in Pierce county Monday evening.

He said they "hummed" as they moved at terrific speed from west to east, then turned north and disappeared in about three seconds. They were about a foot in diameter and were about a mile above the earth, he said.

Search Planes Fan Out in Hunt For Airliner Lost Over Brazil

Belem, Brazil — (U.P.) — More than 30 airplanes fanned out over the uncharted jungles and hilly wastelands of central and northern Brazil Wednesday in a round-the-clock search for a Buenos Aires-New York Pan-American Airways Stratocruiser which disappeared Tuesday with 50 persons aboard.

More Planes Authorized

The U. S. Air Force base at Ramey, at San Juan, Puerto Rico, announced that headquarters in Washington had authorized the use in the search of even more planes both from Ramey and the United States. The Air Force said it was "going all out" in the hope the plane may be found with survivors.

The luxury two-decked airliner disappeared Tuesday morning after passing Barreiras, in Bahia State 775 miles north of Rio de Janeiro. It had been scheduled to land at Port of Spain, Trinidad, at 9:21 a.m. (EDT) its last stop before New York.

All nice crew members and at least 10 of the 41 passengers were Americans.

Search Area Unexplored

The area in which the plane was believed to have gone down is largely unexplored. Wild animals, unfriendly natives, snakes and insects increased the hazards which any survivors of a crash-landing would have to face.

Belem, key Atlantic coast port on the Amazon River delta 800 miles north of Barreiras, was made search headquarters since it is the only airfield north of Rio capable of handling big planes.

Maj. Richard Olnye, commander of the U. S. Air Force rescue mission at Belem, reported Wednesday that planes searching through the night without a halt failed to spot any signals from the ground.

American passengers aboard the ill-fated Stratocruiser included Marcelle De Muller, Toledo, Ohio, president of the Willys Overland Export Corp; Lockett Coleman, Brookline, Mass., purchasing agent for the Walter Baker Chocolate Co., and James Clevenger, of the Hershey Chocolate Co., Hershey, Pa.

Florida Girl Stewardess

The only woman crew member was pretty stewardess Patricia Monaghan of Miami Springs, Fla. Pilot of the big blue and silver four-motored plane was Capt. Albert Grossarth, 37, of La Grange, Ill., a veteran of 11 years with Pan-American.