

Weather

FORECAST: Continued hot and dry through Thursday. Possible thundershowers over mountains in late afternoon. Low tonight 65. High Thursday 100-105.

Highest Yesterday 104
Lowest this Morning 63

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IKE GIVEN POWERFUL BACKING

First Round Ike's But Taft Retains Machine Control

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Chicago—To resort to pugilistic terms, which certainly fit the general convention atmosphere, "Intrepid Ike" won the first round, and "Bruiser Bob" the second. Intrepid Ike's victory was unexpected. Bruiser Bob's was not. The net result is a gain for Ike but nothing to crow about, for the judges in this bare-knuckle contest are, believe it or not, ex-members of the bruiser's training camp.

In other words, Eisenhower has made a gain but Taft still controls the convention machine. And, as was pointed out repeatedly by the Taft supporters in last night's incredible credentials committee meeting, the rules and regulations of this convention are above the law, above the Supreme Court, above everything except the votes of the committee members, unless their decisions are overruled by the votes of the convention as a whole.

That is now the hope of the Eisenhower forces—an appeal from the decisions, which give Taft most of the votes regardless of the evidence, to the floor of the convention. There Eisenhower backers believe they will win. After sticking with that Taft credentials committee meeting until 1 o'clock this morning, your correspondent would not advise anyone to bet their shirt on it. But it isn't hopeless, nor is it the only hope, for Taft could win all the delegates in dispute and still not win the nomination. All the Eisenhower supporters have to do is to repeat what they did Monday.

Can they repeat? Aye, verily that is the question. Our guess is: That vital decision, scheduled to have been on today's program, won't come up before tomorrow and perhaps not then.

Hot Weather Continues; Maximum Yesterday 104

Medford and Grants Pass shared the dubious distinction Tuesday of being the hottest spots in Oregon, according to weather bureau and United Press reports. Thermometer readings as high or higher were forecast for this afternoon and Thursday.

The two Rogue valley communities had official maximums of 104 degrees. Temperature here today may exceed 105 degrees, the weather bureau reported. A maximum of 100 to 105 degrees is predicted.

Not a Record
The 104 heat, highest of the

Reds Veto Demand On 'Germ' Charges

United Nations, N. Y. —(U.P.)—Russia Wednesday vetoed America's demand that the United Nations Security Council declare the Communist germ warfare charges false and condemn the spreading of such propaganda.

Soviet Delegate Jacob A. Malik used Russia's veto power for the 51st time in the U.N.'s six-year history to block the resolution proposed by United States Ambassador Ernest A. Gross.

Vote 9 to 1

The Council vote was 9 to 1, with Pakistan abstaining. The rule of unanimity enabled Malik to kill the proposal with his lone negative vote.

Last Thursday, his lone ballot in an otherwise all favorable vote defeated an American proposal for the Security Council to request the Red Cross International Committee to conduct an on-the-spot investigation of Red charges U.S. troops had used germ weapons in Korea.

Kerr Pays Expenses Of Oregon Democrats

Portland —(U.P.)—Two Oregon delegates to the Democratic National convention took an expense-paid trip ten days ago to Salt Lake City to meet presidential nomination aspirant Sen. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, the Oregonian said Wednesday.

Kerr paid expenses of the 36-hour trip for the Multnomah county Democratic Central Committee Chairman Bill Way and the two delegates, State Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney and James Shick, a Forest Grove attorney, the newspaper said.

Panmunjom, Korea —(U.P.)—United Nations and Communist truce teams wound up a year of dogged negotiations Wednesday in a 26-minute debate on prisoner exchange, the only remaining obstacle to a Korean cease-fire.

Showdown Believed Near in Kidnaping Of Berlin Doctor

American Commandant Insists on Return

Berlin —(U.P.)—The United States seemed headed for a showdown with Russia Wednesday on Communist kidnaping of a prominent anti-Red from West Berlin.

Maj. Gen. Lemuel E. Mathewson, American commandant in Berlin, sent a sharp demand Tuesday night to S. A. Dengin, chief of the Soviet Control Commission of Berlin, for the return of kidnaped Dr. Walter Linse.

Commandant Shocked
"I have been shocked not only by the outrageousness of this crime, but by the evidence of collusion of persons under Soviet control," Mathewson said.

"I must warn you that I regard this act, which could only have been carried out with the direct assistance of forces under your jurisdiction, as intolerable and one which must be rectified."

Insists on Return
"I therefore insist that you utilize your powers in the Soviet Zone to see that Dr. Linse is returned in safety and without delay to his residence and the criminals responsible for this abduction be turned over to proper Berlin authorities for prosecution."

Despite the peremptory tone of Mathewson's note, there was no indication just how far he was prepared to go in attempting to force the Soviets to give up the anti-Communist underground movement known as "Free Jurists" Investigating Committee.

Chinese Attackers Drive UN Troops From Central Hill

Seoul, Korea —(U.P.)—Chinese troops armed with flame-throwers and backed by heavy artillery and mortar finally drove Allied troops off a hill the Reds have been trying to retake for two days.

The Reds had hammered at the hill for almost seven hours Tuesday, only to be driven back from the last yard by grenades, bayonets and clubbed rifles. The hill is east-southeast of Kumsong on the Central Front.

Early Wednesday they counter-attacked, using captured American flamethrowers and 1,500 rounds of artillery and mortar. The fierce attack drove the UN forces back slightly after a half-hour of fighting.

The UN forces surged back four hours later and retook the hill.

Allies Dig In
The Reds threw a company of 200 men at the defenders, driving them off the top. The Allies dug in farther down the slope to prepare for their own counter-charge.

Before they could get it underway, the enemy surged up and over the hill with 500 shouting men under cover of a heavy artillery barrage.

Despite a desperate try to hold with grenades and bayonets, the UN soldiers were forced to pull back shortly before dawn.

US Colonel's Wife Accused Of Blackmarketing Coffee

Wiesbaden, Germany —(U.P.)—A colonel's lady accused of blackmarket activities bought 28 pounds of coffee monthly from the Army commissary for her three-member family, a United States commissary officer said Wednesday.

Mrs. Katherine G. Reed, wife of Col. Allen W. Reed, former Wiesbaden military post commander, is being tried by a U. S. high commission court on 17 counts of blackmarketing in American dollars, military scrip and coffee. Her home is Mount Clements, Mich.

Capt. George Boutell, commissary officer, said Mrs. Reed habitually bought seven pounds of coffee monthly each for her husband, herself and her 20-year-old daughter, Janet. She also bought seven pounds in the name of Mrs. Flora B. Reed, the colonel's mother, who visited them for several months last year, he said.

Boutell told the court he estimated "99 per cent of all the U. S. Army and Air Force families in the Wiesbaden area" drew their full ration of seven pounds of coffee per person each month last year.

GOP Delegates Give Thundering Ovation For Herbert Hoover

Chicago —(U.P.)—The old gentleman won't soon forget it. He stood before the 25th Republican National convention, a wisp of a smile on his face, waving his hands in gentle circles to the thundering galleries.

Once or twice he opened his mouth as if to speak, but there was no stopping the demonstration. He waited, his eyes shining with tears as they had four years before when he stood on another Republican Convention platform in Philadelphia to receive the acclaim of his party.

Finally, the tumult subsided, the delegates returned to their seats, and the brass crash of the bands died away.

"Certainly Some Welcome"
"Ladies and gentlemen," said Herbert Hoover, "that was certainly some welcome."

"I am grateful for it. I will long remember it."

Then the only living ex-president, now approaching his 78th birthday, began reading his prepared speech.

"This is the fifth time I have had the high honor of addressing the convention of the Republican party."

"From the inexorable course of nature, this is likely to be the last time I shall attend your convention."

A great roar of "No! no!" went up from the audience.

Freedom Being Lost
Mr. Hoover paused, smiling faintly, and then went on in a calm, low-pitched voice to declare that American freedom is being lost and that only a Republican victory in November can save it.

He accused the Democratic administration of spending too much, taxing too heavily, coddling Communism, tolerating corruption, promoting inflation, and committing American boys unnecessarily to die on foreign fields.

Needs New Declaration
"America needs today a new declaration of independence that will raise the hearts of our people to their spiritual purpose and their eyes into the sunlight of freedom," he said.

Delegates burst into a roar of approval when he charged the administration through the Tehran, Yalta and Potsdam agreements with sacrificing the freedom of 650,000,000 friendly foreign people "on the altar of appeasement of Communism."

English Commies Battle with Police As Ridgway Arrives

London —(U.P.)—Club-wielding police fought a brisk hand-to-hand skirmish with a small group of Communist rioters Wednesday as Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway arrived by plane from Paris for a two-day visit with top British leaders.

The fight occurred, as about 30 demonstrators rushed onto the air-port and scattered leaflets when the Allied supreme commander's plane landed.

Group Dispersed
Police dispersed the group and later reported that seven were arrested. No casualties were reported.

New Airport Building Under Construction

Construction of the new terminal building at the Medford municipal airport began on Monday, according to Robert Duff, city superintendent.

The Frank R. Fairweather construction firm, which offered the successful bid of \$135,039.05, is putting up the building. At the time of the contract awarding, the firm agreed to complete the project by 90 days.

Cost for the construction is being financed by both the city of Medford and the Civil Aeronautics administration. Medford is paying 44 per cent of the cost with money from a portion of the \$250,000 airport improvement bond issue voted by the people last fall, and the CAA is paying 56 per cent, or not more than \$97,096, on a grant basis.

City Budget Approved Without Opposition

Medford's city council adopted a 1952-53 budget amounting to \$1,007,138 following a public hearing last night.

No objections were raised to the budget as proposed, which includes \$559,031 for the general fund of which \$187,879 will be covered by property taxes. The latter amount is \$33.56 less than the six per cent increase limitation, which is a legal increase without calling a special election.

BULLETIN

Washington —(U.P.)—President Truman signed into law a bill curbing his powers to call all military reserve forces to active duty.



GUESS WHO THEY'RE FOR?—The Oregon delegation showed up at Convention Hall in Chicago wearing these straw hats to show they were for the Republican presidential race.

PLATFORM MEETING BEHIND LOCKED DOOR

Chicago —(U.P.)—The Republican platform committee met behind locked doors Wednesday to approve a 5,000-word campaign document pledging an end to inflation, support of collective security, and "quickest possible development of appropriate and completely adequate air power."

As drafted by key party policy makers and top wordsmiths for consideration of the 100-man platform group the document denounces the administration for fostering inflationary policies at home and playing into the hands of the Communists abroad.

Members were expected to approve these and most other main points of the platform with no more than minor change and without difficulty. Toughest hurdle was a controversial civil rights plank over which Negro delegates had threatened a fight on the Republican convention floor. It appeared the civil rights fight might delay the committee's approval of the whole document for several hours.

Unusual security precautions

Water to Subdivision Off During Repairs

The water for Pierce Heights subdivision was to be turned off for three hours this afternoon from 1 to 4 o'clock in order that the California Oregon Power company could install a new transformer at the reservoir, according to City Superintendent Robert Duff.

He explained that the old transformer, which cut out Monday and Tuesday evenings, supplied the electricity for the city's water pumps to the Pierce subdivision and left the district without water for about three hours. The failure was due to the weather and increased load, he added.

Savage Rapids Dam Money Given Approval By Truman

President Truman today signed an appropriation bill which includes \$700,000 for rehabilitation of the Savage Rapids dam on the Rogue river, according to United Press.

This was part of a \$541,729,845 appropriation for the Department of Interior. The bill includes \$2,350,000 for construction work at Savage Rapids dam and two other Northwest reclamation projects.

The Savage Rapids allocation consists of loaned funds for rehabilitation of the dam and non-reimbursable funds for screening its turbine intakes. The latter will be charged to reclamation.

Victor Boehl, president of the Grants Pass Irrigation district, and William F. Johnson, attorney for the district, traveled to Washington, D. C., to advocate the project.

Disputed Delegates From Louisiana Go To Eisenhower

Californians Pledge Support on Contests

Chicago —(U.P.)—The Credentials Committee decided late Wednesday to present its report on delegate contests to the Republican National Convention at 4 p.m. PST.

Chicago —(U.P.)—The Republican Convention credentials committee Wednesday voted 27 to 24 to seat 22 Taft delegates and 16 Eisenhower backers from Texas.

Chicago —(U.P.)—Dwight D. Eisenhower's drive for the GOP presidential nod got two powerful boosts in succession Wednesday.

The Republican Convention credentials committee awarded him 13 contested Louisiana delegates, 11 of them at the expense of Sen. Robert A. Taft.

Then the big California delegation decided to cast 57 of its 70 votes for the general's side in a floor fight that will rage later Wednesday over the 17 contested delegates from Georgia.

Day Behind Schedule
Both developments came as the GOP's 25th National Con-

vention, more than 24 hours behind schedule, crawled through the third day of its 1952 meeting.

There was lots of mighty campaign oratory at Convention hall, but the day's big show was in the ornate Gold Room of the Congress hotel where the credentials committee heard the last delegate contests — from Louisiana and Texas.

Meeting Crowded
Nearly 1,000 spectators crowded into the marble and alabaster and gold-plated room to watch the televised battle of titans over Southern delegates whom the Eisenhower camp says were stolen by the Taft machine. The day's fiercest wrangle was over the 38 delegates from Texas.

Award of the 13 Louisiana delegates to Eisenhower followed Tuesday's decision to hand the 17 Georgia votes to Taft. The committee vote was unanimous. Taft men have a majority on the credentials committee. But they decided to let Eisenhower have the Louisianians—for the sake of harmony, they said, and to quiet Eisenhower charges of "fraud."

No Mood for Harmony
The Eisenhower forces, trailing Taft in assured votes for the presidential nomination, were in no mood for harmony. They intended to fight to the end on the convention floor to reverse the credentials committee on Georgia—and on Texas if the committee goes against them on that state.

California's decision to throw 57 of its 70 votes in with Ike on the Georgia contest was an important gain for the general in this fight. For president, California is still holding out for favorite son Gov. Earl E. Warren on the first ballot.

Fight for Texas
In the Texas dispute, the Republican National committee awarded 22 Texas delegates to Taft and 16 to the general, ignoring declarations by Eisenhower forces that they were entitled to 33.

Taft men waged a no-quarter credentials committee war for their 22 Texans. The senator himself said his side would go all out on the convention floor for the 17 Taft Georgians.

How the convention votes on those contests conceivably could be decisive in the Taft-Eisenhower struggle for the nomination, on which balloting may start Thursday night.

Buenos Aires —(U.P.)—A bomb exploded Wednesday at the United States Information Service headquarters in downtown Buenos Aires, shattering windows on two floors and injuring two passers-by.