

Weather

FORECAST — Continued fair through Monday. High today 52 to 55, low 35. High Monday 50.
Temp. — 52
Highest yesterday — 52
Lowest yesterday — 35

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Feature stories on the Medford Free News club, private "farm ponds," a new construction method used at Bear Creek orchards and other subjects appear on Page 14 of today's issue of The Mail Tribune.

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Oatis Says Reds Get Confessions Without Beatings

(Editor's note: Following is the first in a series of five articles telling of William Oatis' experiences in Czechoslovakia prior to and during the time he was held in prison on espionage charges.)

New York—(U.P.)—William N. Oatis, Associated Press correspondent who was imprisoned in Czechoslovakia for more than two years, said today prisoners make "fantastic" confessions to the Communists in an effort to "save something out of the wreckage."



(Acme Telephoto)
WILLIAM N. OATIS
Released News Correspondent

Another prisoner that would say he had been beaten or showed

NO DRUGS USED

"As for the 'injections' reputedly used in Communist countries, I was given no injections of anything besides what was described—correctly, I believe—as a sugar and vitamin solution for my health. I heard of no other prisoner that was drugged."

"Prisoners make fantastic confessions primarily, I think, because they feel that is what the police want them to do, and that unless they do what the police want them to do, they are lost."

"They are left in little doubt of what the police would like for them to say. On that score, the system is practically foolproof. The police simply write it out for them and they sign it, and then, in court, they recite it. It is a gesture of despair, a grab for a straw."

SIGNED FAKED STATEMENTS

In his case, Oatis said, the police easily established the fact he had done "unofficial reporting." This consisted of gathering information on an informal basis, largely as background data, he said, but the Czech police regarded such activity as espionage.

"So I signed a statement to the effect that I had gathered military information in Czechoslovakia, and that thereby I had committed espionage," Oatis wrote.

This was a low-level crime, however, so in order to lodge a more serious charge, the Czech authorities trumped up an accusation that he had given military information to the military attaché at the U.S. embassy in Prague.

The police wrote a statement for his signature, Oatis said, and "I haggled about it and rewrote it."

"... Though I had been awake for something like 42 hours," he said, "I could think of what I must sleep. They would not let me sleep till I had signed it, and so, I signed it."

RECITED 'CONFESSION'

The "confession" was re-written into a "weird statement" that wound up with Oatis saying he had given the attaché information because he knew he was a spy, Oatis said. He said he was so confused he did not realize the statement was a "boobytrap."

"I signed that statement," Oatis said. "Then they rewrote all my previous factual statements, hopping them up, needing fact with fancy, painting me as black as they could."

"And by now I was so used to signing papers, so conscious of my absolute helplessness, so convinced that my only hope lay in playing their game, that on every page I wrote, 'I have read this. I have approved it. I have signed it. William Nathan Oatis.'"

Finally, he said, he got up in court and recited nearly all of it, "just the way they wanted me to recite it."

"That is how the police got me," Oatis said, "and how they stuck me."

(Next: How he gathered news.)

1907 Paper Oldest Entered In 'Bargain Days' Contest

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Saltgraves of Willow Springs District, Route 1, Box 524, Central Point, turned in the oldest issue of The Medford Mail Tribune, January 4, 1907, which was the 243rd issue of the first year of publication. They win a year's free subscription to The Mail Tribune.

Mr. J. M. Potter began publishing the Medford Daily Tribune March 22, 1908. The equipment was moved from Ashland, as Mr. Potter believed Medford would become the hub of Jackson County.

Many Issues Saved

The issue turned in by the Saltgraves had been mailed to O. S. Blackford, father of Mrs. Saltgraver. Mrs. Saltgraver's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. McKay, settled under the Donation Land Claim Act in 1852.

Mrs. Saltgraver reported that many back issues had been saved which contained items of interest to the family, and were stored in various places.

George Marino, 718 Pennsylvania, had the oldest copy of the MEDFORD MAIL, published February 1, 1905; followed by Fred Luy, 101 Crater Lake Ave., with a copy of the MEDFORD MAIL, published March 9, 1906.

Mrs. George Carter, 821 East Jackson, entered a copy of the Medford Daily Tribune dated July 3, 1909, which contained a story regarding her marriage to George C. Carter.

Other entries were submitted by the following persons: Louis Oliver, 415 Woodstock, Medford

Mail Tribune, Nov. 2, 1909; Laura Livingston, 513 King, Medford Mail Tribune, April 28, 1910; H. J. Court, 134 So. Ivy, Medford Sun, July 11, 1911; Edward Jones, Box 54, Central Point, Medford Mail Tribune, Aug. 4, 1911; R. H. Singler, 27 Rose, Medford Sun, April 7, 1912; Edward Leach, Rt. 2, Box 391, Medford Mail Tribune, Jan. 1, 1914; Charles D. Wiley, 712 W. 2nd, Medford Mail Tribune, Nov. 11, 1918.

Many copies bearing dates 1920 through 1940 were submitted. A few copies dated 1940 to 1950 were entered. One copy with date January 13, 1952, was sent in.

In most cases the papers had been saved because of items of personal interest, although a few copies contained news of local or national interest.

Three Persons Hurt In Martinez Blast

Martinez — (U.P.) — At least three persons were reported injured last night as a blast rocked the Shell Oil refinery here and blew out the lights of the city.

Injuries were undetermined at the county hospital for the injured three.

All of the city's fire-fighting equipment was rushed to the 1-mile square refinery which is at the tip of Suisun bay and is about 10 miles from Port Chicago, which was levelled by a gigantic explosion in 1944.



A SOLDIER COMES HOME—President Eisenhower clutches arm of son, Maj. John Eisenhower, as President's wife, Mamie, looks on at right after John and his wife, Barbara (above), arrived at Denver by plane from San Francisco. John returned recently from Korea.

Classes Set To Start Tomorrow At Grade, Junior High Schools

It will be school tomorrow for Medford boys and girls, with the exception of the high school, which will open Sept. 21.

Students for grades one to six will report to their respective grade schools for registration at 8:55 a.m. Junior high school will open at 9 a.m. Classes for the handicapped will also open at Washington school.

Following completion of registration of elementary students, they will be dismissed until 1 p.m., when they will be given permanent room assignments, textbooks and orientation procedures. Regular classes will start Tuesday.

Abbreviated Program

The Monday junior high program will be abbreviated, with regular classes starting Tuesday. Students have been registered previously.

Both elementary and junior high school cafeterias will begin serving lunches Tuesday.

Textbooks are furnished to elementary and junior high boys and girls and will be distributed at the time of registration. In the high school a rental system for textbooks is maintained.

Medford city schools provide

several forms of special education to serve the needs of the handicapped boys and girls of the district. The room for the physically handicapped at Washington school serves the entire city and those unable to walk are transported to and from the center. Three other special adjustment rooms are operated, one at junior high for grades seven through nine, one at Lincoln and one at Jackson for grades one through six. Those not in walking distance are transported.

Transport Students

Two elementary school districts will transport their children to Medford. The primary grades in the Dewey district will be placed in Jackson school this year. Those of the same district in grades four through six will probably continue to attend Roosevelt. Kenwood will deliver first- and second-grade students to Jackson school, with grades three through six scheduled for Lincoln school.

The Evergreen bus will run a line to El Rey, picking up students at the junction at Charlotte Ann rd. and South Pacific highway at 8:15 a.m. Transportation is furnished at a student rate of 10 cents when tickets are purchased in books of 10.

Roosevelt, Lincoln, Jackson and Washington schools will house grades one through six. Roosevelt serves all territory east of Bear Creek. Lincoln will serve that portion of the city west of Bear Creek and east of the Southern Pacific railroad track. Jackson serves the north-west part of the city, including the part which lies west of the SP tracks and north of the center line of West Main st. and the Jacksonville highway. Washington will take in the southwest part of the city, the portion lying west of the railroad tracks and south of the center line of West Main and Jacksonville highway.

Serves Entire City

The junior high school serves the entire city for grades seven, eight and nine. The senior high school serves all the city for grades 10, 11 and 12.

All elementary students should report to their own schools tomorrow morning as determined by their residence. No regular pupils living inside the school district are transported by the district.

Gold Star Mothers Reelect Eugene Woman President

Mrs. Elizabeth Gimpi, Eugene, was re-elected president of Oregon state department, Gold Star Mothers, during a state convention of the group held here Saturday.

Mrs. Mildred Curtis, Grants Pass and Mrs. Marion Cech, Medford, were elected first and second vice-presidents respectively.

Re-elected to the office of recording secretary was Mrs. Leona Baker, Springfield, and re-elected as treasurer was Mrs. Ruth Licklider, Elkton. Mrs. Sadie Pro, Salem, is the new chairman.

Color guards elected are Mrs. Alice Shober, Medford and Mrs. Rose Decker, Portland. Mrs. Vesta Banton, Albany, is historian; Mrs. Irene Hamilton, Albany, custodian of records.

Appointed to office were Mrs. Lydia Jensen, Eugene, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Barbara Brumbaugh, Toledo, state hospital chairman; and Mrs. Artis McChesney, Springfield, parliamentarian.

Thirty-nine delegates and four alternates registered and 12 visitors.

During a business session the department adopted new department bylaws as revised at a national convention of the Gold Star Mothers held June 8 at Chicago, Ill.

The group pledged to continue their hospital work which includes work at Camp White, domiciliary, Medford, and Roseburg veterans hospital, both state projects of the department. At Camp White women visit veterans, do mending, give parties and do other work.

The department Saturday also was awarded a certificate for faithful work at Camp White. The department has received the certificate for two previous years and now is in permanent possession.

Two hospital workers were awarded individual certificates Saturday. Mrs. Cech, Medford for giving over 1,000 hours of service at Camp White; and Mrs. Minnie Noyer, Roseburg, for over 100 hours at Roseburg veterans hospital.

MORSE DECLINES BID TO BIG DEMO RALLY

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Washington — Sen. Wayne Morse, the Oregon Independent, and four Northwest Democratic senators have each received invitations to the Democratic rally in Chicago Monday and Tuesday—but none has plans to attend.

Those who sent regrets were Washington state's Warren Magnuson and Henry Jackson and Montana's James Murray and Mike Mansfield, as well as Morse. The three other senators from the Northwest—Guy Cordon of Oregon, and Idaho's Henry Dworshak and Herman Walker—are all Republicans.

The five who supported Adlai Stevenson's bid for the presidency last fall, but are now turning down invitations to welcome him home from his recent round-the-world trip, are not staying away in any fit of pique, as is Gov. James Byrnes of South Carolina and other Dixiecrats.

But it is clear that the four Democrats and Morse place less importance upon cheering for Adlai in the Windy City than cultivating their own political gardens.

Senator Morse is on a speaking tour which will take him into Oregon the latter part of September for talks already announced at Baker and Portland. In recent weeks he has appeared on rostrums in Wisconsin, Ohio and Montana.

Senator Magnuson anticipates a new waterfront probe by the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee at Seattle, Portland and California ports this month, after which he may go to Europe to find out how foreign nations subsidize their merchant fleets so successfully as to undercut the U. S. merchant marine.

Senator Mansfield, too, is planning an overseas journey on his own, if no congressional duties can be found to conduct on foreign soil. A veteran who has seen the world as sailor,

soldier and marine, Mansfield just loves to travel.

Senators Jackson and Murray aren't going anywhere. Both have recently returned from statehood hearings in Alaska and have speaking engagements lined up in their respective home states.

In the absence of these top politicians, the region will be represented only by the Democratic national committeemen and committeewomen. Oregon's part in the rally will be played by Monroe Sweetland, national committeeman; Howard Morgan, state chairman; Mrs. Lillian Burton, national committeewoman; and Mrs. Gladys Last, state vice-chairman.

While the speeches by Stevenson and former President Truman have received notice, the two-day activities at Chicago are to run as follows:

Monday—closed door regional conferences; women's division workshops; discussion of rules and by-laws—at which the southern and northern wings may have another go a one another over the so-called loyalty oath which was a controversial issue in last summer's national convention.

At the main dinner Monday night, Stevenson will speak only briefly. Truman will deliver the main address, which one television network and another radio network will carry.

Tuesday—discussion of agricultural policy; meetings of the executive committee and the national committee; conference on political problems at the state, county and city level.

The climax will come Tuesday night when Stevenson makes his full-dress appearance, which is to be carried on all TV and radio networks.

Sports Bulletin

Central Point — Phoenix high defeated Jacksonville 49 to 0 in a football game here last night. The Pirates led 20 to 0 at half time.

England Charges Reds With Wanton Attack on Launch

Philbrick Asserts Seven Clergymen in Secret Commie Cell

Second Witness Swears 600 Pastors Are Reds

Washington — (U.P.) — Herbert Philbrick, former FBI undercover agent, said in testimony published Saturday that seven or eight clergymen were "dedicated, hardened, steered Communists" in a supersecret cell in Boston.

He was not sure of their exact identity because, "operating in a completely, deeply underground way," they used code names to conceal their real identities, even from other Communists.

The House un-American Activities committee released his testimony. It also released testimony by Archibald Roosevelt, son of the late Theodore Roosevelt, who said he was "horribly" by the extent of Communist infiltration of the churches.

"I am prepared, with the help of some others," Roosevelt said, "to give you documentary and testimonial proof that there was a deep laid plot, which has been quite successful, to poison the minds of good people, unsuspecting and fine people, in furthering the Communist programs."

The testimony was based on closed committee hearings in New York last July. It supplemented that of four other witnesses—all past party members—who said the Communists have infiltrated the churches with "great success."

Joseph Zack Kornfelder, who broke with the Communists in 1934, said in sworn testimony published Friday night that 600 American ministers are "secret" Communists and 3,000 to 4,000 others are in the "fellow-traveling" category.



EVELYN AY
Takes Top Honors

Pennsylvania Girl New Miss America; Oregonian Finalist

Atlantic City, N. J. — (U.P.) — Miss Pennsylvania, Evelyn Ay, was named "Miss America of 1954" Saturday night at the annual beauty pageant here.

The green-eyed, ash-blond beauty won over 51 other contestants.

In second place was Joan Cecilia Kaible, Miss New York City. Third was Miss Virginia, a polio victim, Anne Lee Ceglis, of Norfolk.

Fourth was Virginia McDavid, Miss Alabama, of Birmingham. In fifth place was Susanne Dugger, Miss Mississippi.

The competition in the final night was rough, but the winner had what the judges ordered.

The coy Miss Pennsylvania carried her 132 pounds with trained bearing. She is 5 feet, 8 inches in height, and from top to bottom measured 37-24-36. Those specifications made the bathing suit competition a snap for her. She was a preliminary bathing suit winner earlier in the week.

Evelyn picked up a \$5,000 scholarship.

The rest of the kids in the first 10 get scholarships, too, not to mention awards for Miss Congeniality and the talent award for a girl that finished out of the big money.

Miss Oregon Finalist

The non-winners went home with a \$100 bill, plus a couple of evening gowns, a suit case and memories.

The five finalists were: Miss Pennsylvania, Evelyn Ay; Miss Alabama, Virginia McDavid; Miss New York City, Joan Kaible; Miss Virginia, Anne Lee Ceglis, and Miss Mississippi, Susanne Dugger.

The eliminated five other finalists: Miss California, Patricia Johns; Miss Delaware, Lois Alava; Miss Oregon, Patti Throop; Miss South Carolina, Miriam Stevenson, and Miss Wyoming, Elaine Holkenbrink.

Van Fleet's Son Among Prisoners Held by Chinese

Washington — (U.P.) — The Air Force said Saturday it has an unverified report that Capt. James A. Van Fleet Jr., son of the former Eighth Army commander, survived the crash of his B-26 bomber in North Korea and may now be a Chinese prisoner.

The United States has demanded that the Communists account for 944 missing Americans whom it believes to be in Red hands but who did not show up in the prisoner of war exchange.

Young Van Fleet's name was on the list. He was the pilot of a two-engine bomber which took off on a night combat mission at 1 a. m. on April 4, 1952, from Kusan airbase, not far from his father's headquarters in Korea.

The Air Force said his plane reached its target but ran into unfavorable weather. Van Fleet was ordered by radio to abandon that target and attack supply routes between Haeju and Changnyon, North Korea.

Acknowledgement of that message was the last contact with the plane. An extensive, but futile, search for Van Fleet followed.

Saturday, however, the Air Force revealed it later received an unverified report—which a spokesman called "a very questionable item"—that the plane crashed at dawn near Haeju, and that one of the three-man crew perished.

Two Fires Put Out By Forest Patrolmen

Two grass and brush fires broke out on the North River rd. along Rogue river yesterday and were brought under control by state forest dept. crews, according to Ted Maul, district warden.

The largest, about four acres west of Rogue River, was controlled by crews from Grants Pass, Wimer and Medford. The other was about one-tenth of an

Lenient Attitude Toward Red China Ended by Britain

Communists Silent On Unprovoked Attack

London — (U.P.) — Britain dropped her lenient attitude toward Red China Saturday with a blistering note accusing the Peiping government of a "wanton" attack on a Royal Navy launch off Hong Kong.

The gloves-off note handed to the Communist Chinese Foreign Ministry this morning protested "most strongly" against the wanton attack on one of her majesty's vessels "on Sept. 9 in waters adjacent to Hong Kong."

Responsible for Deaths

"Her Majesty's government holds the Chinese government responsible for the tragic appropriate compensation," the note said.

Seven members of the crew of the motor launch were killed and five wounded in the attack when the Chinese vessel opened fire with "weapons of heavy calibre," it said.

The foreign office said Red China has remained silent so far on the unprovoked attack. Normal Communist propaganda broadcasts would try to put the blame on the British vessel.

Further moves were expected to follow when Britain may state the nature and extent of compensation demanded from the Communist government for the losses sustained.

One of First Acts

Ironically, the protest was one of the first acts of office performed by Britain's new charge d'affaires in Peiping, Humphrey Traveyan. He arrived there last month as a goodwill gesture on part of London.

Some diplomats had anticipated an improvement in relations with Peiping to follow the appointment of Traveyan. His arrival last August was accompanied by unofficial speculation he might attempt to establish full diplomatic relations with Red China. Peiping has no representation in London.

Four More County Polio Cases Listed

Jackson county health department Saturday reported four more cases of polio, bringing the total in the county to seven so far this year.

Only one case is severe, the office reported. A 4½-year-old Phoenix boy has the bulbar type of the disease. His 6-year-old brother also is ill with the disease but the case is not paralytic, so far. The younger boy became ill about September 7.

A prospect man and his daughter became ill with slight cases about September 1, it was said. Those two cases have just been reported.

Morse Asks Probe of General Motors Pact

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse (Ind-Ore.) urged Saturday that Congress look into the latest contracts awarded to General Motors Corporation by the defense department.

The Army announced Friday it had ruled out bids of Chrysler Corp., and awarded GMC and its Fisher Body division \$285,000,000 of tank and truck contracts.

"Apparently," Morse told reporters, "these new contracts demonstrate once again that the Eisenhower administration feels that what is good for General Motors is good for the country. A thorough investigation is needed to see how wrong the administration may be."

Panmunjom, Sunday — (U.P.) — The U.S. Army announced today it would court martial an American soldier accused of striking a Swedish member of a neutral nations inspection team in Korea.