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Weather

FORECAST: Cloudy with occasional light rain tonight. Foggy Tuesday morning. Partly cloudy in afternoon. Little temperature change. Low tonight 30. High Tuesday 41-45. Temp. Highest yesterday 52. Lowest this morning 30.

President Wants Authority To Defend Formosa

Situation Said Serious Danger To World Peace

Washington — (U.P.)—President Eisenhower urged Congress today for specific authority to use American armed forces and "to fight, if necessary," wherever they are needed to defend Formosa and the Pescadores against threatened Red Chinese invasion.

Asserting that the situation poses a "serious danger" to world peace, Mr. Eisenhower said the United States must be ready to undertake "various kinds" of actions in the Formosa area.

These actions, he said, include assistance to Nationalist China to "redeploy and consolidate" its forces and to cover Nationalist troop withdrawals from certain islands, presumably the Tachens.

Might Attack China

Without specifically mentioning any names, Mr. Eisenhower also made it plain that, if it proves desirable in his judgment, U. S. forces should be ready to defend Quemoy, for example if the Reds try to seize that island as a jumping-off point for an invasion try against Formosa.

High administration officials said that under the congressional authority sought by the President, the United States might attack invasion strong points on the Red China mainland. They said this was a possibility under part of the President's message which referred to action which might be needed in "closely related localities."

They pointed out that the administration believed authority should be in hand to strike invasion points such as Quemoy and the Matsu Islands, any heavy concentration of ships along the China coast, jet airfields where planes might take off for Formosa and the Pescadores, and other places. The hope, however, is that it will not be necessary to do such things.

Resolution Introduced

A resolution to carry out the President's request was introduced as soon as his message was received in Congress. Senate and House committees on Formosa Relations both called hearings on it this afternoon.

The resolution introduced in Congress put the President's authority this way: It would include "the securing and protection of such related positions and territories of that (Formosa) area now in friendly hands and the taking of such other measures as he judges to be required or appropriate to assuring the defense of Formosa and the Pescadores."

Strategic Islands

The resolution's wording was broad enough to enable Mr. Eisenhower to throw U. S. air and sea forces into the support of Quemoy and Matsu should it be decided that capture of those strategic islands by the Reds would enable them to mount an invasion of Formosa.

Mr. Eisenhower said his request was based on "a series of provocative political and military actions" by Communist China with the announced aim of capturing Formosa.

Planning Necessary

He said the situation had become sufficiently critical to require planning by this country "without awaiting action by the United Nations."

Therefore, he asked Congress "to participate now, by specific resolution, in measures" which "would contemplate use of the armed forces of the United States if necessary to assure the security of Formosa and the Pescadores."

He said the United States must be ready to assist the withdrawal of Chinese Nationalist forces from some of the smaller Nationalist-held islands regarded by this government as not vital to the immediate defense of Formosa and the Pescadores.

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Red Chinese Warn U.S. on Intervention In 'Freeing' Formosa

London — (U.P.) — Red China's Premier and Foreign Minister Chou En-lai today warned the United States against "intervening" in Communist China's "liberation" of Formosa.

"The government of the Peoples' Republic of China has repeatedly and in solemn terms declared to the world: 'The Chinese people are determined to liberate their own territory of Taiwan (Formosa),' the Red leader said.

Similarity Noted

Diplomatic observers noted the similarity between Chou's warning statement today, and Red China's "solemn warnings" before Red Chinese troops entered the Korea war.

"Taiwan," the Chinese Premier said, "is an inalienable part of China's territory. The liberation of Taiwan is a matter of China's sovereignty and internal affairs. No outside interference is allowed."

Chou quoted from the U.N. charter which forbids U.N. intervention in "matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state."

No Right To Intervene

"Therefore," he said, "neither the United Nations nor any foreign country has the right to intervene in the Chinese People's liberation of Taiwan."

"The government of the Peoples' Republic of China absolutely cannot agree to a so-called cease fire with the traitorous Chiang Kai-shek (Nationalist Chinese leader), repudiated by the Chinese people."

Congress Expected To Quickly Approve Armed Forces Use

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower's request for broad authority to use U. S. armed forces to prevent a Red Chinese invasion of Formosa headed today for quick congressional approval.

A resolution approving such presidential powers was introduced in the Senate and House as Mr. Eisenhower's special message was being read.

Due in House Tomorrow

In the House, Speaker Sam Rayburn said he will call up the resolution tomorrow. He predicted it will pass with little opposition.

Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland of California, a frequent critic of Mr. Eisenhower's Far Eastern policies, said the resolution has his complete approval.

Acting Senate Democratic Leader Earle C. Clements of Kentucky withheld immediate direct comment.

House Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. of Massachusetts said he expects the resolution "will receive almost unanimous support in Congress."

Calculated Risk

House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack of Massachusetts said "there is no question but what our country is taking a calculated risk in this new and sudden policy." Mr. Eisenhower had in his message the United States was not adopting a new policy, but clarifying an old one. "Passage of the resolution should be implemented by evidence of strength," McCormack said. He called for the President to reconsider the cuts being made in Army manpower.

Morse's Political Decision Due Soon

Washington — (U.P.) — Senator Wayne Morse, Oregon Independent who was once a Republican may disclose within two weeks whether he will run as a Democrat for re-election in 1956.

Fleet Poised for Action

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Man Dies Following Many Blood Transfusions

Durham, N. C. — (U.P.) — "Bleeder" Willie Cook, who had bled for more than 422 hours after a tooth extraction and received a record 400 pints of blood by transfusion, died today.

Eugene — (U.P.) — Ella Louise Starmer, 15-year-old Eugene high school girl, will go on trial here tomorrow on manslaughter charges. She is accused of stabbing her stepfather with a butcher knife during a family quarrel.



AIR FORCE ON THE JOB—A U.S. Air Force helicopter hovers over the sinking Japanese motor sailing boat, Mie Maru, off Ube, Japan, searching for survivors. The 180-ton Mie Maru collided with the U.S. Army transport General Patrick and sank immediately. Only two of the seven Japanese crewmen survived. The General Patrick received only minor damage.

Armed Rebels Refuse To Leave Sanctuary In Costa Rica Zone

San Jose, Costa Rica — (U.P.) — Armed rebel "squatters" refused today to withdraw from an internationally-administered safety zone where they sought sanctuary in an abortive revolt against the Costa Rican government.

The presence of some 200 rebels in the small zone between Nicaragua and Costa Rica created new military and diplomatic problems that prevented a clean-cut end to the revolt.

Will Discuss Problem

Members of a commission sent to Central America by the Organization of American States announced they would discuss the problems during the day with Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza in Managua.

The commission members decided to leave for Managua at dawn after Costa Rican President Jose Figueres bitterly protested against presence of the rebels in the buffer zone.

The rebel remnants of former Costa Rican President Rafael Calderon Guardia's forces set up tents and field kitchens in the zone and gave every intention of remaining there.

They left Costa Rica with a continued military threat and proved a source of embarrassment to the OAS mission sent here almost two weeks ago to investigate the revolt.

Zone Set Up By OAS

The OAS mission set up the safety zone last week to prevent pursuing government forces from running head-on into Nicaraguans while driving the rebels across the border.

Costa Rica already had received permission from the mission to chase the rebels but it was understood Figueres now was pressing to have the zone eliminated because of failure of the enemy troops to cross the border and be interned by Nicaragua.

Griffin Creek Shop Destroyed by Fire

Fire Sunday evening destroyed a one-story combination garage and shop owned by Arthur W. Glocker, route 1, box 363, in the Griffin creek district, according to state police.

The blaze was reported at about 6:15 p.m. The building, which was a complete loss, contained a metal press used in manufacture of violin bows, and other equipment.

Hearings in Two Criminal Cases Set In Circuit Court

Two hearings on criminal matters were scheduled to take place today in circuit court, according to the district attorney's office.

Arguments on a demurrer to a charge against Jack Dwight McCoy, 26, of 129 Wightman st., Ashland, are expected to be heard. McCoy is charged with attempted rape. His attorney stated in the demurrer that the charge does not conform to the requirements of Oregon law and the facts do not constitute a crime.

Motion To Dismiss

A hearing on a motion to dismiss the indictment against Robert Ellis Darrohn, 45, Star route, Trail, and a 16-year-old youth, for the crime of larceny of livestock, is also set. The case is set for trial starting tomorrow in circuit court.

The defense motion alleges that the Darrohns were not tried during the circuit court term following the indictment. The charge involves the alleged theft of a calf from V. R. Matthews, route 1, box 650, Eagle Point, on Nov. 15, 1953. An indictment was returned on Oct. 1, 1954 and a demurrer filed and later overruled on Nov. 5 in subsequent legal action.

E. H. Howell, circuit judge from Canyon City, was presiding in Jackson county circuit court today, during the absence of H. K. Hanna, who is ill. Howell is expected to be here for one week.

Nurse, Fireman Avert British Train Wreck

Sutton Colfield, Eng. — (U.P.) — A trained nurse and a railroad fireman finally were tracked down today as the shy heroine and hero who averted a second train wreck here, yesterday.

They flagged down a speeding passenger train before it could crash into the wreckage of another express train that had been derailed in an accident that killed 16 persons and injured 30 others.

After helping with rescue work, they disappeared without identifying themselves.

Finally, railway officials discovered who they were and paid them tribute. The hero was Derek Smith, an off-duty fireman on the wrecked York-Bristol express. The heroine was Mrs. Marjorie Fairley, 40-year-old mother of three children.

Lebanon Man Hurt In Crash of Plane

Lebanon, Ore. — (U.P.) — James Baker, 34, Lebanon, was injured Sunday afternoon when his light plane crashed into a pasture-air-strip four miles east of here after striking and killing a horse.

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EDWARD C. KELLY Backed for Judge Post

Neuberger Endorses Edward Kelly for Federal Judgeship

Appointment of Medford Attorney Edward C. Kelly, 608 West Fourth st., to the vacant federal judgeship in Oregon was recommended today by U.S. Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) according to United Press.

When contacted by The Mail Tribune, Kelly said it was the first news he had received of the recommendation. He declined further comment, except to say he was flattered by the fact that Neuberger suggested his name for the position.

Notes Long Delay

United Press quoted a wire to State Sen. Monroe Sweetland, in which Neuberger said he made the recommendation because of "the long and unjustified delay in filling the vacancy."

Neuberger said, "I have done this because it seems to me Democrats should promote some candidate in view of the inability of the Republicans to make a recommendation."

Kelly is former chief counsel for Bonneville Power administration, and at one time ran for Congress against Harris Ellsworth.

Hearings Slated on Korea Veterans Bill

Washington — (U.P.) — The day called up for short hearings House Veterans committee today fast action a bill to give men in military service on or before Jan. 31 a better deal under the Korean GI bill.

President Eisenhower has set that date as the cut off for accumulation of entitlement to wartime veterans benefits under the GI bill and other veterans laws.

The bill before the committee was aimed at making available full school benefits of the GI bill — up to four years in college at government expense — to men who are in service on the cutoff date but who will not at that time have served long enough to get the maximum school entitlement.

maintained the rate structure on commodities handled by the barge lines at a markedly depressed level," he said, "and have recouped in other areas the losses incurred in barge competitive areas."

Interest of Many Aroused

Most truckers and other barge line operators think the PUC should have minimum rate making power over railroads, but the railroads say that the ICC would not permit rates below the cost of operation, even in intrastate commerce.

With introduction of Steen's bill, the legislature will run squarely into the complicated rate problem. It has aroused the interest of many farmers and port commissioners along the Columbia and is now the subject of a study by the Oregon Development Commission.

Rate Making Bill Slated in Legislature

Salem — (U.P.) — Among bills scheduled to be introduced soon in the legislature is one by Sen. Lowell Steen, Republican of Mil-ton-Freewater, which could have a far reaching effect on the Oregon economy.

Steen's measure would give the state public utilities commission maximum and minimum rate making power over trucks, railroads, and barge lines operating in intrastate commerce.

Rate Issue Publicized

In late 1954, the rate issue was publicized when Inland Navigation company announced it was liquidating its facilities at The Dalles and Umatilla, Ore., and ending grain and petroleum shipments between Oregon points.

The firm has already moved some of its 18 petroleum tanks to the Washington side of the Columbia river and others will

soon be shifted to Coos Bay and Pasco, Wash.

Inland's general manager, Capt. Arvid Leppaluoto, said the move is being caused by "a new state tax and an old state regulation."

"As a Washington corporation we pay a property tax to Washington on our floating equipment," he said. "This same equipment is also now taxed a second time in Oregon."

Not Taxed in Washington

"However," Leppaluoto said, "Washington does not tax floating equipment that is owned by an Oregon corporation and is taxed by Oregon even though this floating equipment operates in Washington waters."

Besides this "double taxation" Leppaluoto has some complaints against the Oregon tax commission.

"The tax commission has refused to tell us how they apportion the assessed value of our floating equipment between Oregon and Washington and it is impossible to see tax commission records."

The Oregon supreme court has ruled on the tax issue that both the tax and the tax commission policies are constitutional and proper, thus ending in Leppaluoto's words "all our legal remedies."

Still To Be Decided

The rate issue is still to be decided. A bill similar to Steen's was defeated in the 1953 legislature. It was supported by truckers and barge line owners and opposed by the railroads.

13-Year-Old Admits Equipment Theft

A 13-year-old Medford youth admitted to city police Saturday that he participated in a recent theft of radio equipment, valued at \$200, and several other petty thefts in the area, according to city police records.

He told police that he met two other boys who had already taken some items from the garage of John Duffy, 1104 East Ninth st., and returned with them, removing still more things.

The youth also admitted taking part with others in theft of expensive outdoor Christmas tree light bulbs in the eastside district and an earlier bicycle theft.

Another youth, 14 years old, admitted theft of Christmas tree bulbs and small clothing items from the J. C. Penney company and Newberry's store on other occasions.

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The U. S. Seventh Fleet is standing by ready to "cover" the evacuation of such forces. The United States regards the islands as not vital to the security of Formosa.

Peace Threatened

Mr. Eisenhower said because of the air situation in the area, such withdrawals would be impractical without armed American assistance.

"Moreover, we must be alert to any concentration or deployment of Chinese Communist forces obviously undertaken to facilitate attack upon Formosa, and be prepared to take appropriate military action," he said.

Mr. Eisenhower mentioned Red attacks on Quemoy and the main Tachen Islands as examples of a Communist prelude to an attempt to conquer Formosa. He said these attacks posed a "serious danger to the security of our country and of the entire Pacific area and indeed to the peace of the world."

Thousands Flooded From Homes in Paris

Paris — (U.P.) — The rampaging Seine river reached its highest level in 31 years today, flooding thousands out of homes and jobs and driving giant rats from the sewers of Paris.

Then the waters slowly began to fall.

Authorities warned that the Seine may rise again to a dangerous new crest tomorrow or later this week unless the rains end.

At least 22 persons have died in the floods and damage exceeded millions of dollars.

Dead-weary American airmen in canary-colored exposure suits helped evacuate families in the flooded Paris suburbs where muddy yellow water of the Seine and the Marne swirled into thousands of homes and shut down 200 factories.

ANNEX AT STANDSTILL

Construction on the new courthouse annex was "at a standstill" again this week with the continuing threat of freezing weather, according to the construction foreman. No concrete floor pouring can be done until it warms up, he added. Some work was being done, however, by steel lathman on the walls, including placement of window frames.

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland's Chinese citizens today celebrate the Year of the Sheep, or the year 4653, according to the Chinese calendar.

Salem — (U.P.) — Thomas C. Enright, Salem attorney, has been chosen chairman of the Marion County Democratic club to succeed Guy Johnson of Salem.