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Weather

FORECAST: Fair Sunday, becoming partly cloudy Monday. High Sunday 55; low Sunday night 23.

Highest Yesterday 48
Lowest Yesterday 26

Eugene Defeats Medford 72 to 56 For State Title

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McArthur Court, Eugene, a scorching Eugene basketball team defeated Medford's Black Tornado, 72 to 56, last night to take the state Class A basketball championship.

Medford led at the end of the first quarter, and was a strong contender during most of the first half, during which the lead in the ball game changed hands seven times, and was tied twice. With the score at 22 all in the second quarter, Eugene's Mike Moran tipped in a shot, with 2 1/4 minutes left, breaking the tie. Eugene led all the way in from that breaking point.

Eugene's Widest Lead 19 Points in Third

Eugene's widest lead was 19 points, which it attained twice in the third quarter. The Axemen were paced by brilliant play all the way by Moran and his rugged teammate, Leighton Tuttle. Moran accounted for 33 points, Tuttle for 18.

It was Tuttle that broke Medford's back. His teammates kept feeding the tall forward the ball, and he succeeded in getting close-in shots over the head of Medford's men.

The Tornado lost both Jerry Kalapus and Everett Castner on fouls, Kalapus with 3 1/4 minutes before the end of the third quarter; Castner 5 1/2 minutes before the game ended.

Quarter scores:
1st—Eugene 11, Medford 12
2nd—Eugene 31, Medford 24
3rd—Eugene 58, Medford 42

Copple on All-State

Medford placed one player, Co-Captain Larry Copple, on the all-state first team, and Frank Rector, Medford's other co-captain and Copple's running mate at guard, made the all-state second five.

The all-state first team was made up of Dick Jolley, Cleveland; Leighton Tuttle, Eugene; Mike Moran, Eugene; Larry Copple, Medford, and Ted Miller, Milwaukee.

Members of the all-state second team were Frank Rector, Medford; Bud Kuykendall, Eugene; Jim Altenhofen, Central Catholic; Elmer Bloedel, Milwaukee, and Don Stamps, Albany.

Cleveland of Portland defeated Central Catholic of Portland, 47 to 46, in an overtime, to win third place. A basket, fired by Hugh Springer, which dropped through the hoop as the buzzer sounded ending the overtime, gave Cleveland the win.

11,092 Attend

An attendance of 11,092 for the final game set a new all-time tournament one-game record, and boosted the total 1955 tournament attendance to over 77,000, setting another new mark.

Awards and trophies were presented to the top six teams. They went to: (1) Eugene, (2) Medford, (3) Cleveland, (4) Albany, (5) Milwaukee, (6) Central Catholic. Medford's second place trophy was accepted by the two co-captains, Copple and Rector.

State Pay Report To Get More Study

Salem — (U.P.) — Irregularities in the salary and classification report for Oregon state employees prepared by Barrington and Associates of New York will be studied by Barrington vice-president Carl Robinson.

The decision to call Robinson to Salem came after a conference with Gov. Paul L. Patterson.

Sen. John Merrifield of Portland told Robinson that the reclassification of state employees and the salary schedules were "like 50 pounds of jelly on the floor." The senator said the initial work on the Barrington report was satisfactory, but apparently the Barrington staff got in a hurry later, and the second half of the survey has resulted in confusion.

He told Robinson that "in hearings held by the review boards, it was found that your report in numerous instances has placed supervisors and their aides in the same classifications."

Washington — (U.P.) — Democrats indicated Saturday the House-approved plan to cut income taxes \$20 next year for every taxpayer and dependent is almost certain to be killed by a Senate-House conference committee.

Churchill Declared Ready To Retire As Prime Minister

Move Said Slated Within Next Month

London — (U.P.)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill may retire within a month, London newspapers reported Saturday.

Half the London press and one of Britain's two internal news agencies reported the growing conviction among conservative members of parliament that Churchill, now in his 81st year, has been persuaded to put aside the cares of office.

Eden Said Successor

His successor is believed almost certain to be Foreign Minister Anthony Eden.

Among those sections of the British press speculating on his retirement, the consensus was that Churchill likely will step down for Eden sometime before April 19, when the 1955-56 budget is to be presented.

Churchill himself was giving to the political guessers no help. A spokesman at No. 10 Downing street said the Prime Minister was spending his weekend "quietly" at Chequers, his official country residence.

Refuses Comment

He refused, as during past rashes of retirement rumors, either to confirm or deny the reports.

One Tory M.P., who asked that his name not be used, said the conservative Whips in Commons had contacted lawmakers advising them to hold themselves available in case of a sudden summons. The Whips gave no explanation, he said.

Medford, CP Phone Switchover Set for Evening of April 2

The switchover which will connect the Medford and Central Point telephone exchanges is expected a few minutes after 11 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, according to Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

Can Dial Direct

When the change goes into effect, Medford customers will be able to dial direct for Central Point numbers, and Central Point customers will be able to dial Medford and White City numbers direct.

Plans being set up call for Mayor Don Faber of Central Point to make the first telephone calls under the new set-up.

Central Point numbers will have a prefix of NOrmandy 4. For example, the new number for the Central Point city hall and police will be NOrmandy 4-2424. Those seeking to dial the city hall would dial NO, which is the same as the numbers 66 followed by the five numbers. Medford customers calling Central Point numbers will dial the number 3, followed by the Central Point telephone number.

Alternate Numbers

Alternate numbers for Central Point city hall and police are NOrmandy 4-2794, or Medford 3-3636, which is the Medford city police number. The number of the Central Point Rural Fire department chief will be NOrmandy 4-2244.

Telephone company officials pointed out that some Medford customers have dial plates which do not include letters. These customers are asked to call Medford 114, and the dial plates will be changed without charge.

Aru' Will Not Deliver Fuel

Ike Names Stassen To Evolve Policies In Arms Controls

Nuclear Weapons Are Special Concern

Washington — (U.P.)—President Eisenhower took an historic step Saturday and named Harold E. Stassen to a special new post to evolve U.S. policies on international disarmament and control of awesome nuclear weapons.

Mr. Stassen said he created the post because the "unprecedented destructive power of new weapons and the international tensions" caused by armament races "have been of deep concern to me for many years."

Has Cabinet Rank

Stassen, now Foreign Operations administrator, took over his new and difficult job immediately. His title is special assistant to the President, with cabinet rank.

"Being fully aware of both the difficulty and the importance of developing basic policy towards the question of disarmament," Stassen said, "I have accepted with humility, and will do the best I can to make a constructive contribution towards President Eisenhower's objective of peace."

Nuclear Weapons

The President charged Stassen to take "into account the full implications of new weapons in the possession of other nations as well as the United States"—a clear reference to A-bombs and H-bombs.

Stassen will continue as FOA chief until next month while the Foreign Aid Agency's new program is presented to Congress. FOA expires June 30 unless Congress extends it.

Stassen's new post is unprecedented in this nation and probably in the world, the White House said.

In beginning the formidable task of arriving at an acceptable nuclear weapons control proposal, Stassen was told by Mr. Eisenhower that the United States, mindful of past "tragic consequences," will not try one-sided disarmament again.

Release of Yalta Data Said Harmful

Washington — (U.P.)—Chairman Walter F. George (D-Ga.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Saturday publication of the Yalta papers may prevent Russia, Britain and other big powers from entering into future "top level" international conferences with the United States.

However, Senate Republican leader William F. Knowland (Calif.) praised the State Department for releasing the long-secret Yalta records, and invited Britain and Russia to publish their own versions of wartime Big Three meetings.

George told a reporter that a top-level big power conference—presumably involving President Eisenhower, British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, Russian Premier Nikolai Bulganin and perhaps others—"may be vital in the months immediately ahead to bring about peace and stability."



FASTER THAN ATOM-POWERED NAUTILUS under water, this is U. S. Navy's new streamlined submarine Albacore. Its revolutionary design holds superstructure to minimum, eliminating customary flat deck. Experts say atom power would enable Albacore to attain speed of 40-50 knots under water, remain indefinitely at sea. (Collier's Magazine Photo from International)

10 Air Force Planes Declared Sabotaged

Birmingham, Ala.—(U.P.)—The FBI investigated Saturday the "malicious sabotage" of 10 Air Force planes "that would certainly have crashed an hour after takeoff."

Harry Rowland, president of Hayes Aircraft Corp., said control equipment that guide planes in flight was tampered with in 10 instances after the devices had been cleared and approved both by company and Air Force inspectors.

Labor Dispute Blamed

"These airplanes could have taken off all right," Rowland said, "but in an hour the sabotaged devices, which are made of fabric, would have peeled off gradually and there would have been persons killed had we not detected it."

Rowland blamed the sabotage on a labor dispute between Hayes, the Air Force's only commercially-operated depot which modifies and overhauls plans for the government, and the CIO United Auto Workers Union.

"There is absolutely no doubt about it," he said. "We never had anything like this before, just like the telephone company never had any cables cut before the strike there." (CIO telephone workers are on strike in nine southern states.)

Union Denies Responsibility

The union contract with Hayes expired March 15 and negotiations for a new agreement have been deadlocked since. However, the union denied it was responsible or that the sabotage had anything to do with contract negotiations.

The union issued a statement saying it "does not condone the destruction of government property either at Hayes Aircraft or elsewhere and is as interested as the FBI or the Hayes Corp. in putting a stop to such a practice."

French Reject Red Rearmament Charge

Paris — (U.P.)—The French Foreign Ministry Saturday rejected the latest Soviet charge that West German rearmament runs counter to the Franco-Soviet mutual assistance treaty of 1944.

Russia warned in a note Friday night that French ratification of the treaties to rearm West Germany will mean cancellation of the Franco-Soviet pact and that France will be "entirely responsible."

The note was delivered to French Ambassador Louis Joxe in Moscow. It was the latest Soviet move to block ratification of the pacts and came just five days before the French Senate is scheduled to open the final debate on the accords.

Hoffbuhr Requests Careful Use of MID Water by Gardeners

Jack Hoffbuhr, manager of the Medford Irrigation district, Saturday cautioned gardeners who plan to use MID water for their gardens this summer "not to expect too much."

The precipitation during the winter has been the smallest since records were first kept here in 1912, with the possible exception of 1919, Hoffbuhr said, and there "just won't be enough water for everyone."

Must Be Realistic

"I hate to scare anybody, but we've got to be realistic about it," Hoffbuhr said, explaining that rainfall during the rest of March and April would have to be about four times normal to bring the water supply up to an average amount.

There are about 2,000 water users who depend on the irrigation district for their supply, he said, and all of them will have to share and share alike in the limited amounts of water which will be available. The proportionate share which each user can expect amounts to about 8 1/2 inches per acre, or about enough for only two irrigations for gardens, or one for fruit orchards.

Supply Not Adequate

Because of this, he said, those planning gardens are "just wasting their time" because the water supply will not be adequate. He also warned those with pasture land that water supplies would not be enough to do them much good.

Streamflow water was being picked up by the MID canal this week end, and is expected to arrive in ditches of the district Monday. It will be available for those wishing to use it in advance of the regular irrigation season, he said.

Funds Sought To Give A-Bomb Protection

Washington — (U.P.)—Civil Defense Administrator Val Peterson said Saturday a \$12,000,000 emergency fund sought by President Eisenhower will be used to develop "a complete package plan" for protecting 92 critical target cities against H-bomb attack.

Mr. Eisenhower asked Congress yesterday for the special civil defense appropriation. Peterson explained in a statement today that the money will finance the broadest study ever undertaken of how to evacuate, shelter and feed the refugee populations of target cities.

In addition to the 92 cities previously listed as critical areas, Peterson said the survey will include "a smaller number of additional cities which will be likely targets because of their proximity to military establishments."

Las Vegas, Nev. — (U.P.) — The Atomic Energy Commission Saturday postponed detonation of a large nuclear device set for today because of unfavorable weather conditions.

Red Chinese Must 'Come and Get It' Ship's Owners Say

No Craft Available To Handle Transfer

Owners of the Finnish tanker Aruba told Red China Saturday that if she wants the vessel's cargo of jet fuel she'll have to "come and get it" somewhere outside Red China's territorial waters.

American sources in Hong Kong said the Chinese Communists have no tanker available in Far Eastern waters capable of handling a transfer of the prized jet fighter fuel.

Crew Has Rebelled

The Aruba's owners said the vessel cannot proceed to Shanghai or any other Red Chinese port because the crew has rebelled against attempting to run the Chinese Nationalist blockade of the Red Chinese coast.

Nationalist China has warned that she would seize or sink the Aruba to prevent the fuel from reaching Red air bases within range of Formosa and its offshore islands.

The Aruba's crew has served notice it will not sail the tanker beyond the Nicobar islands, off India. Gunnar Damstrom, president of the owning shipping line said the crew's rebellion makes delivery of the fuel, as contracted, impossible.

Seek Red Answer

Damstrom said his firm has been attempting to find out what the Red Chinese want done with the disputed cargo.

But the only word from Peiping today was a propaganda blast by the Communist New China news agency charging that the Aruba incident proves "the desperate and criminal" efforts of the United States to cripple international trade.

Damstrom suggested a solution might be the transfer of the jet fuel cargo to another tanker somewhere in international waters on the high seas.

No Tanker Available

Hong Kong shipping interests said such a transfer would not be difficult, if the Chinese Reds had a tanker capable of taking on the oil. But they said the Reds haven't.

One well informed Hong Kong source said "I do not know of any Polish or other tankers out here right now which the Communists could use to get hold of the Aruba's cargo."

Helicopter Feared Down in East Zone

Stuttgart, Germany — (U.P.)—Army authorities alerted the U. S. Military Mission in East Germany Saturday to aid the search for a helicopter feared to have crashed behind the Iron Curtain with two men aboard.

A 7th Army spokesman said the mission in Potsdam will ask Russian and local Communist officials for aid in locating the H-13 helicopter and its occupants, an American pilot and a German civilian.

The missing aircraft took off Thursday from Friedberg, 10 miles north of Frankfurt, on a routine flight to Fulda, a city some 12 miles west of the Iron Curtain. Visibility was bad and gale winds were blowing from the west, leading authorities to believe the craft may have strayed over the Red-held territory.

"We have not had any official announcement, but because of the strong eastward wind and our failure to find any wreckage we are assuming it is down in East Germany..." the spokesman said.

Premier of France Wins Confidence Votes

Paris — (U.P.)—Premier Edgar Faure squeaked by a "Get Faure" campaign of Communists and tax dodgers early Saturday, but his battle for ratification of the West German arms treaties hit new internal and international snags.

Faure won three unofficial votes of confidence by narrow margins in a fight for survival against a taxpayers' revolt. But only by telling the delegates that if they voted against him "tomorrow another government will have to be constituted."

Hearings Next Week To Determine Natural Gas Rates

By A. ROBERT SMITH
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Washington — A battle of oil and gas interests vs. consumers begins in Congress next week which is destined to determine the level of natural gas rates to Pacific Northwest householders and industries after pipelines have been laid to the Northwest from southwestern U.S. and Canadian gas fields.

With the backing of the Eisenhower administration, oil and gas producers are pushing legislation designed to end federal regulation of gas rates charged by producers at the gas wells—a rate which ultimately becomes part of the monthly billing received by consumers from their local gas company.

Hearings on this legislation begin next week before the

House Interstate Commerce Committee, where congressmen representing producing states such as Texas and Oklahoma are expected to clash with solons representing largely consuming districts.

The Pacific Northwest has no congressmen on this committee. But in the Senate Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) holds the strongest position to influence the outcome of this political battle as chairman of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee. Magnuson is opposed to the gas bills that would kill rate regulation.

Debate centers on a controversial section of the natural gas act of 1938 which was designed to require the Federal Power Commission to regulate rates of natural gas piped across state

lines. FPC interpreted the act to mean it should regulate only the rates charged by interstate pipeline companies for piping the gas, not the rate charged by the gas producers who sell gas to pipeline firms at the well.

Last spring, however, the Supreme Court ruled that the 1938 act required the FPC to regulate gas rates charged by producers at the well—and so that is the law unless Congress amends the 1938 act.

Producers who want the act changed to exempt them from regulation claim that competition among the nearly 5,000 producers in the gas fields is sufficient to hold down the rate within reason. They argue that if regulated by the government, their rates won't be high enough to encourage full development

of new reserves since it customarily takes some nine well drillings to come up with one good well. They contend that their price for gas at the well is but a fraction of the consumer's monthly billing, and that even if they gave their gas away consumers would save less than half a dollar a month.

Farm, labor and public power groups, although less well organized against changing the gas act, have gone on record and mustered some consumer opposition to try and block the gas bills. They claim that history has demonstrated a need for consumer protection through government regulation of utilities that have a monopoly franchise. They argue that ruthless dealings, such as producers splitting profits with pipeline companies

in order to sell gas to the pipeline companies at high rates, make regulation mandatory in the public interest.

Observers forecast gas interests will have difficulty getting their bill all the way through this Congress, despite support for it from House Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) and a special advisory committee to the president which recently came out in favor of the gas bills.

Biggest hurdle for the bill is expected to be the House, where populous northern consumer states such as New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Wisconsin far outnumber southern producer states in congressional representation. If it gets past the House, Magnuson thinks chances good it may be blocked in his Senate committee.