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## Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy Sunday and Monday, with slow rising temperatures. High Sunday 58; low Sunday night 32.

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**PHILIPPINES HIT BY QUAKES**—This Army barracks on the island of Mindanao is half demolished with the end wall completely gone after a series of earthquakes hit the southern Philippines. Thousands of buildings were

crumbled and late Saturday the death toll was rising toward the 400 mark, with 87 persons still missing and 538 listed as injured. Some 100,000 were reported as homeless and damage was estimated at \$5,000,000.

## East Germans Issued Warning of Reprisal

Berlin—(U.P.)—West German officials met with East German Communists Saturday and were reported to have warned them of serious economic reprisals unless the pocketbook highway blockade is removed.

West Germany vigorously protested a sharp increase in tolls on the only highway into West Berlin the West is permitted to use.

**Embargo Hinted**  
As the talks got underway, western officials hinted they would place an embargo on shipments to East Germany if the tolls, increased an average of 10 times the original amount, are not lifted.

An embargo would sharply curtail supplies of coal and steel East Germany receives from the West. A similar embargo during the 1948-49 Berlin blockade was considered a major factor in getting the blockade lifted.

The new tolls, clamped on the super-highway which supplies almost half of West Berlin's food supply, raised the cost of a round trip to Berlin for the average truck from \$5 to about \$55.

The West Berlin City government has allocated \$250,000 as a loan to truckers to keep traffic going for the next two weeks. But after that the economic blockade threatens to halt all western truck traffic into the city.

West German Vice-Chancellor Franz Bluecher said in a radio talk that Western negotiators will impress upon the Communists the "serious results" for the East if the new tolls are allowed to stand.

## Flurries of Snow Reported in Valley

There were snow flurries in the Medford area both yesterday afternoon and Friday afternoon, but the weather bureau said they were not heavy enough to measure.

It was snowing at higher elevations in the Cascades, however, and Crater Lake ranger station reported 108 inches of snow on the ground compared to 134 inches at the same time last year.

Final irrigation water supply forecast of the season is expected to be made Monday at a meeting in Grants Pass, when W. T. (Jack) Frost, formerly of Medford, and now of Portland, soil conservation specialist, and Larry Zimmerman, weather bureau forecaster, will meet with irrigators and other water users to pool their information.

The meeting will result in predictions for the amounts of reservoir, streamflow and runoff water to be available between now and September.

## Stassen To Appear Before Subcommittee

Washington—(U.P.)—Foreign Aid Chief Harold E. Stassen will appear before the Senate Investigating subcommittee Monday but not because of any subpoena, a spokesman said Saturday.

He said Stassen is "ignoring" and will continue to ignore a subcommittee subpoena demanding that he produce all the documents in a disputed project for building grain elevators in Pakistan.

## Philippine Quake Takes Lives of 340; Hundreds Injured

Dansalan, Philippines—(U.P.)—Gov. Salvador Luch reported Saturday that 340 persons were killed in collapsing buildings, landslides and tidal waves during the disastrous earthquake that rocked Mindanao Friday.

Many persons still were listed as missing and hundreds were injured, Luch said. Thousands were left homeless and other thousands of frightened natives had refused to return to their homes in fear of new earth shocks.

Luch reported to President Ramon Magsaysay as planes and ships were rushing tinmed food, clothing and medicines to the stricken areas.

Reports from Ozamis City, one of the hard-hit centers, said thousands of persons slept Saturday night in public squares and other open areas for the second night. Many had set up makeshift shelters in their gardens.

Weather Bureau reports said mild tremors still were occurring in the region on an average of once every three to four hours. But they discounted the dangers of another major shock.

## Paul Haviland III With Rare Ailment

Paul Haviland, 125 White Oak dr., a prominent Medford lawyer and former district attorney, was flown to Eugene by Mercy Flights late Friday night for treatment of a rare disease which has partially paralyzed him.

His attending physician said Saturday the illness is extremely unusual and has no common name, but in medical circles is named after the two French doctors who discovered it. He said in layman's language it could be called infectious or paralytic neuritis. It is a serious illness, he said, with a high mortality rate. Its symptoms are similar to those of polio. He said Haviland's chances of getting well are fairly good, however.

Haviland was the 340th patient to be carried by air ambulances of the non-profit corporation. The flight left the Medford airport at about 11 p.m. Haviland was taken to Eugene because of better respiratory equipment and service at Sacred Heart hospital there.

Dallas, Tex. (U.P.)—The Southwest began cleaning up Saturday from its "worst dust storm in 25 years."

## Bloodmobile Visit Slated Wednesday

Only two more days remain in which appointments can be made to give blood during the April visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile, according to workers in the blood program.

Appointments may be made by telephoning 3-3813. The unit will be at the YMCA building Wednesday, April 6, from 1 to 6 p.m.

## Two May Die

The Russians, they said, carried away all four in spite of warnings of hospital doctors and surgeons that two, just out of surgery where they had undergone major operations, might die.

One member of the Hungarian family, they said, pleaded

## New Demand Issued For Resignation Of Diem, Cabinet

Saigon—(U.P.)—Rebel forces blockading Saigon issued new demands for the resignation of Premier Ngo Dinh Diem Saturday, while some 1,600 fresh insurgents were marching in to reinforce their ranks.

Leaders of the rebellious Hoa Hao and Binh Xuyen sects demanded that Diem and his entire cabinet quit to "permit the establishment of a truly democratic and National government."

The arrival of two Hoa Hao battalions to join Binh Xuyen forces dug in on Saigon's western suburbs strengthened the rebels' hand.

Other rebel gains were reported during the day—the desertion of an "Elite Company" of regular troops and the capture of a backwoods outpost 75 miles southwest of here—but in general the government appeared to be holding its own.

Sporadic rifle and tommygun fire echoed through the streets all night, but no renewal of large-scale fighting was reported. The only known casualties were three natives injured by a terrorist hand grenade.

Rebels firing from ambush exchanged shots several times with guards at the headquarters of Nguyen Thanh Phuong, a leader of the Cao Dai sect who threw the support of his 25,000-man private army to the government earlier this week. No casualties were reported on either side.

## Churchill Bolsters Retirement Rumors

London—(U.P.)—Winston Churchill changed the schedule of his planned Mediterranean vacation Saturday, strengthening belief he intends to retire as Prime Minister early next week.

The British embassy in Rome notified Italian authorities that Churchill will not arrive in the Sicilian city of Syracuse until a week from Tuesday, instead of next Saturday as previously arranged.

No reason for the delay was given officially, but the newspaper France Soir said the Prime Minister plans to spend next week end at the Riviera villa of his publisher-friend, Lord Beaverbrook.

Taipei—(U.P.)—The Nationalist Chinese Navy said Saturday its ships fired on and damaged two Communist gunboats near invasion - threatened Matsu Island.

## Red Troops Invade Hospital In Vienna, Take Four Persons

Vienna—(U.P.)—Russian troops, including a uniformed woman, invaded an Austrian hospital Saturday and dragged away four freedom-bound Hungarians, two of them bleeding and unconscious.

Austrian police said the four, all members of a single family, had crawled through an exploding mine field on the Red Hungarian frontier in a desperate bid for freedom.

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## Release of MacArthur Papers Requested by Army

Documents Listed As Confidential

Washington—(U.P.)—The Army asked the Defense department Saturday for permission to release secret wartime documents bearing on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's views on the need for bringing Russia into the war against Japan.

Defense department officials disclosed meanwhile, that the MacArthur documents are now classified "confidential," a security label that bars their release to the press. Previously, they had been marked "restricted," a lower classification, but were suddenly upgraded to a higher secrecy rating Friday after reporters sought access to them.

**May Clear up Dispute**  
The documents, if released, may help to clear up a sharp controversy that has developed since publication of the Yalta papers over what stand Gen. MacArthur took during World War II on the question of Russian participation in the fight against Japan.

The Washington Post and the Times-Herald said in an editorial last week that MacArthur "is known to have sent messages to the Joint Chiefs of Staff during World War II pleading for concessions to get Russia into the Japanese war."

MacArthur's aide, Maj. Gen. Courtney Whitney, flatly denied this in a letter published in the Newspaper Saturday. Whitney said he had personally reviewed the file of MacArthur's most important messages to the Joint Chiefs, and found "no mention of the entry of Soviet Russia into the war against Japan."

Whitney said the pertinent documents "should be opened to the public" to clear up the dispute.

A United Press reporter showed Whitney's letter to the Army Information office Saturday and renewed an earlier request for access to the documents.

In reply, an Army spokesman issued this statement: "The Army, in response to requests of the press which were occasioned by MacArthur's statements, has dug out the basic papers and submitted them to the Department of Defense for review and security clearance."

"This review is to be done with a view toward responding to requests for reference to basic material after all security decisions have been worked out."

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# No Attack On Formosa Without Kremlin Approval, London Says

## AEC Embarrassed Over Failure of Defense Department To Reveal A-Test Casualties

Washington—(U.P.)—The Atomic Energy Commission was reported Saturday to be embarrassed and angry over failure of the Defense Department to announce earlier that some casualties occurred in past weapons tests in Nevada.

**Recent Denial**  
Both the AEC and the Defense Department denied as recently as two months ago that anybody had ever been hurt as a result of atomic explosions at the Nevada proving ground.

But Friday night the department conceded—after 12 days of prodding by reporters—that at

least four military personnel suffered eye damage caused by atomic shots in 1952 and 1953.

A congressional atomic source said this belated disclosure puts both the AEC and the Defense Department in the position of having "lied to the public."

The AEC took the position that in denying any past injuries at the proving ground it was telling what it thought was the truth. It referred all questions about the Defense Department disclosures back to the department.

Congressional and Pentagon sources said the Defense Department had reported the four injuries neither to the AEC nor to the Senate-House Atomic Energy committee until this week.

**Occurred in 1952, 1953**  
The injuries occurred in 1952 and 1953. But Brig. Gen. F. W. Sladen Jr., deputy director of military exercises held in connection with this year's tests, said last March that "The safety of our soldiers is uppermost in all our planning and actions at the Nevada test site, and our record of not a single injury as a result of atomic detonations since the Army began operations here (in 1951) speaks for itself."

There are at least 56 U.S. citizens being held in Chinese House arrest or prison—15 airmen who fell into Red Chinese hands in connection with the Korean war and 41 civilians. Years of diplomatic effort have failed to free them.

In its surprise announcement, the State Department said "our position is that we would like Americans of all categories in China to be released for whatever reason might appeal to the Red Chinese authorities."

It said the immigration and naturalization service Friday rescinded long-standing orders barring the 76 Chinese students from returning to Red China.

**Technical Students**  
The 76 are part of a group of Chinese students who were denied permission to leave the country after the outbreak of the Korean war because their technical training might be helpful to the Communists. Altogether there were about 5,000 students receiving training of various kinds here at the time but most either elected to remain here or did not have essential skills.

Some of the original group were allowed to leave the country last fall. Saturday decision to let the 76 return leaves only about six cases of students who want to return to China but who still have not been given a go-ahead.

"It is anticipated," the Department said, "that action will shortly be completed by the immigration and naturalization service on the few remaining cases."

## Neuberger Seeks Hike In Federal Gas Tax

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) has introduced legislation that would provide for increasing the federal gasoline tax one cent a gallon to put an expanded highway construction program "on a basis."

He charged the administration plan to issue special bonds would be a "bonanza for bankers" because "55 cents in interest charges would be paid for every dollar spent on new road construction."

## Governor Tells Plans For Surprise Alert

Salem—(U.P.)—Gov. Paul Patterson said Saturday that Oregon Army and Air National Guard units would take part soon in a nation-wide surprise alert.

The alert is called "operation minuteman" and will be the first such national test of guard readiness in history. Exact time is being kept secret.

## Military Show, Celebration Slated on Armed Forces Day

Plans for a military show and celebration here on May 21, which has been designated by President Eisenhower as Armed Forces day this year, were announced Saturday by Mayor Earl Miller.

Further plans will be made at a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the mayor's office, he said, at which time representatives of military, veterans and civic groups will be welcome to participate in the planning.

A meeting of the military committee was held last Wednesday. Members are Maj. Gen. Roy V. Rickard (USA-Ret.), Maj. Gen. Hicks (USAF-Ret.), senior officers of this area, Col. William Prentice, senior officer of the active Army reserve here; Col. C. E. Stafford, (USA-Ret.), civil defense chief; Capt. J. M. Hamilton, Army reserve unit instructor for Medford and project officer for Armed Forces day; and Lts. Jack C. Phillips and Gerald Monroe, of the National Guard units in Medford.

**One of Five**  
The show is one of five which will be put on the same day in Oregon, Mayor Miller said. Medford has been designated as a "key city" in the nationwide

## 76 Chinese Students Free To Return Home

Washington—(U.P.)—The United States Saturday declared 76 Chinese students in this country free to return to Red China in a frank bid to free more than 55 Americans held behind the Bamboo Curtain.

The State Department declared it has not made any "deal" with the Chinese Communists. But it made it clear it hopes its action will pave the way for the release of the Americans.

The Communists hinted at Las Vegas, Nev.—(U.P.)—The Atomic Energy commission yesterday announced plans to explode an anti-aircraft missile with an atomic warhead which can destroy enemy planes without even hitting them.

Scheduled firing time for the radical device is between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. today. The blast, to take place high over the Nevada desert, will open what the AEC describes as a revolutionary era in anti-bomber defenses.

**Minimum Fallout**  
The new missile can be used safely in the defense of U. S. cities because it explodes so high it reduces radioactive fallout to a minimum. The missile will be launched from an Air Force plane flying at nearly 40,000 feet.

Because of the "direct line of sight" between the extremely high-altitude burst and observers on the ground, the AEC warned persons within a 75-mile radius to protect their eyes with dark glasses or turn away from the blast at the scheduled detonation time.

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## Pledge Said Part Of Peiping-Moscow Mutual Agreement

Promise May Include Offshore Islands

London—(U.P.)—Authoritative diplomatic sources here reported Saturday that Red China has promised she will not attack Formosa, and possibly the Nationalist-held offshore islands as well, unless the Russians give a go-ahead signal.

British sources said recent diplomatic soundings in Moscow give the strong impression that Russia is anxious to avoid involvement in a Far Eastern war over Formosa.

**Clearance Unlikely**  
Thus, they reasoned, Moscow is not likely to give Red China a clearance for Peiping's threatening attempts to "liberate" Formosa.

Diplomatic sources here said the Red Chinese pledge to Moscow was understood to have been included in a recent arrangement which makes major Chinese or Russian moves of international consequence conditional on mutual approval.

These sources said Moscow is acutely aware of the sensitiveness of Peiping and is playing a cautious game in an effort to preserve its alliance with the Chinese Communists, without being sucked into a Far Eastern war.

**Influx Into Russia**  
Russia's increased concern for the Chinese alliance is said to have been reflected by a recent influx of Chinese experts into the Kremlin's highest councils.

The new "mutual consent" agreement on major moves by either partner was believed here to have a purpose beyond that of keeping a check on the ambitious Chinese. Russia, diplomatic sources said, is attempting to draw China into European issues in order to strengthen the bargaining power of Moscow vis-a-vis the West.

China was reported to have sent a representative to Moscow last week to give the blessings of the Peiping regime to Russia's plans for an East European "NATO" alliance under a joint command as a counter to the Paris agreements rearming West Germany and creating a Western European union (WEU).

**Discourage Attack**  
All reliable indications, according to diplomatic sources here, are that Moscow is doing its best to discourage Peiping from attacking Formosa. It was less certain here whether Moscow also is urging Peiping to soft pedal its demands and preparations for the "liberation" of Matsu and Quemoy—the Nationalist held islands just off the China mainland coast.

It was noted here that Russia holds the key to any major military venture by Red China because of China's total dependence on Russia for its heavy armor, planes and naval craft.

## Atwood, Crippen To Trial Tuesday

Portland—Two Medford men will go on trial at 11 a.m. Tuesday before a federal court jury on charges of illegal possession of 14 pounds of gold bullion.

The accused are Woodrow Wilson, 42, a cab driver, and Stephen Crippen, 44, a pinball distributor.

The men were arrested in a downtown Portland hotel last July by a treasury department agent when they allegedly attempted to sell him two gold bricks. Their attorney, Norman Easley, has attacked the 1933 gold act under which they are charged, arguing that the law makes it illegal to acquire or possess gold bullion in excess of \$100 without a license from the U. S. treasury department is unconstitutional.

Trial of a third man, Wilbur Walls, 61, of 2336 SW Osage street, has not yet been set. He is said to have turned over to the Medford men the suitcase containing the gold bricks.