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Weather

FORECAST: Generally fair Sunday and Monday. A little cooler Monday. High Sunday 85; low Sunday night 48; high Monday 78. Highest yesterday 87. Lowest yesterday morning 57. Prec. 0. To 11 p.m. Yesterday 0.

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Ford Rejects Union Plan To Arbitrate; Prepare For Strike

Detroit — (U.P.) — Ford Motor company Saturday rejected a union proposal to arbitrate the method of disbursing a \$55,000,000 job security fund...

No Fire Hazards Found in 1,644 City Residences

No hazards were found in 1,644 of the 2,843 Medford homes inspected by city fire department crews during a month long program which ended Friday.

For the 1,179 residences in which hazards were seen, 1,745 recommendations were issued for correction of the conditions.

Firemen stopped at 5,314 homes, all the single, duplex and triplex dwellings in Medford. No one was home at 2,236 of the residences and occupants of 235 others turned down the offer of inspection.

The fire department has received 27 call-backs to inspect houses where people were not at home. Barker said that it is assumed that residents not calling back do not wish inspection.

Other leading hazards found were stovepipes not properly installed, flammable liquids not properly stored, and stoves or heating appliances improperly installed, in that order.

Some stovepipes were found too close to a wall or ceiling. Barker reported that many residents had gasoline for power mowers stored in glass containers. This is dangerous, he pointed out, since glass is easily broken.

Fire department crews began their calls on May 2. They have completed the regular home inspection for the year. A detailed fireman will make the call-backs this week.

Guatemalan Consul Killed by Woman

Hepner — (U.P.) — Dellmore Lessard, 57, Portland attorney and Guatemalan consul in Portland was shot and killed instantly here Saturday night by a woman identified as the wife of one of his clients.

Held on an open charge in connection with the killing was Mrs. Anna Perkins Avent of Heppner.

According to Morrow County Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, Lessard had gone to Heppner with Fred Avent, divorced husband of the woman, to pick up their 13-year-old son and take him to Portland.

The former Mrs. Avent, who was tending bar in a cocktail lounge when her former husband and the lawyer entered, apparently "blew up" and grabbed a .38 calibre revolver.

Sports Bulletin

The Medford Cheney Studs rallied with four runs in the sixth inning to defeat Grants Pass Elks, 6 to 4, in Grants Pass last night. Howard Morris homered in the second and Bill McClain in the sixth for the Studs and Mel Friend homered for the Elks in the fourth.

Portland — (U.P.) — A four-run ninth inning gave the Hollywood Stars a comfortable 9-4 victory over the Portland Beavers in a Pacific Coast league baseball game here Saturday night.



FLYERS, FAMILIES, REUNITED—With swaying palm trees as a backdrop, four U. S. airmen are reunited with families in Honolulu after release from Red Chinese prisons. From left: Capt. Harold Fischer with parents Mr. and Mrs. Fischer Sr.; Lt. Col. Edwin Heller and wife; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Parks with flier son Lt. Roland Parks, and the lieutenant's brother Richard; Robert Cameron, Mrs. Roland Cameron and her flier son Lt. Lyle W. Cameron and father Roland Cameron.

East Germany Puts New Restrictions On Berlin Traffic

Berlin — (U.P.) — East Germany refused to abolish its exorbitant tolls on Berlin truck traffic and suddenly announced new restrictions Saturday night on travel between the city and West Germany.

The East German radio announced the Communist Interior Ministry was ordered to limit travel "temporarily" between West Germany and the Soviet zone.

The reason given for the order was to prevent the "epidemic" of typhoid and polio in the West from spreading to the Soviet zone.

The West German radio immediately labeled the Communist move a flimsy pretext for stepping up the "baby blockade." They said there have been no serious outbreaks of polio in West Germany this year and the typhoid epidemic in the Ruhr is on the wane by now.

No details of the new travel restrictions were given in the Communist broadcast.

It said East German Premier Otto Grotewohl ordered his interior Ministry to impose the temporary limitation on travel between the East and West. He acted after the health minister reported the outbreaks of typhoid and polio in West Germany.

The West German government said the Reds refused to negotiate on the tolls in talks between East and West German traffic Ministry representatives.

Clifford Gee Given One-Year Sentence

Clifford Quentin Gee, Harlan, Ore., entered a guilty plea in district court yesterday on a petty larceny charge and was sentenced by Judge Rawles Moore to a year in jail. The time will be served in Rocky Butte jail in Multnomah county.

The case involved articles taken from the Hartford Smith home, Rogue River on Sept. 8, 1954. Previous charges of burglary and of receiving and concealing stolen property were dismissed.

Americans Said Held In Russian Prisons

Vienna — (U.P.) — Austrians and Germans returning from Communist captivity said Saturday there are "many" Americans in Russia's slave camps, including at least four U. S. airmen.

Dr. Hermann Dalhammer, one of the returning prisoners, said he knows the names of "several" American and British captives of the Russians, but he refused to make them public.

"I am going to do everything I can to get them all released through official channels," Dalhammer said.

May Have Died One prisoner who tried to smuggle out pictures of the imprisoned airmen said he fears some of them may have died since he last saw them seven years ago.

The prisoners also reported that an undetermined number of slave laborers were massacred last month by Soviet guards at Camp Refa, 300 miles southeast of Moscow, when they protested against intolerable working conditions.

It was uncertain whether the dead at Camp Refa included any Americans.

At least 15 persons were killed in month-long "mass sex riots" last year, when the Russians tried to segregate men and women at a group of camps, 1,600 miles southeast of Moscow, the returning prisoners said. Seven men are believed to have been executed for starting the riots.

The dead included a number of women who threw themselves under the treads of Russian tanks used to quell the disorders.

The ex-prisoners who reached freedom here Saturday included about 250 Austrians and "ethnic Germans"—Central Europeans of German descent—some of whom had been in Soviet prisons for as long as 15 years.

The Russians, who had previously denied holding any more prisoners of war, blandly agreed to return those still in their prisons as part of Austria's reward for accepting "neutrality" under the terms of the recently-negotiated peace treaty.

POOL OPENING UNCERTAIN City Park Director Darell Huson has reported that the date for opening Hawthorne park swimming pool has not definitely been set. He added, however, that the pool operation may begin next Saturday or Sunday. Supervised playground activity is scheduled to start by the week of June 13.

Egypt Warns Israel Against Gaza Seizure

Cairo, Egypt — (U.P.) — Egypt warned Saturday that if Israel attempts to seize the Gaza Strip it will mean a new Holyland war.

Egypt will not "be fooled by armistice or cease-fire decisions issued by New York (The United Nations) and obeyed by one side only," said a statement published Saturday in all Cairo newspapers and attributed to Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser.

The premier's warning increased the danger of renewed fighting between the Arabs and Israel and was followed by an Arab League statement that all the Arab states stood with Egypt.

Live Polio Virus Declared Found in Cutter Salk Sample

Salt Lake City — (U.P.) — Dr. Louis P. Gebhardt, University of Utah bacteriologist, confirmed Saturday that he isolated live polio virus in a sample of Cutter-produced Salk vaccine.

The bacteriologist said the positive virus was discovered in one sample of one lot number of anti-polio vaccine furnished him by the Idaho State Health department. The vaccine was manufactured by Cutter Laboratories of Berkeley, Calif., he said.

Gebhardt said laboratory tests showed the virus to be of type 1. It was discovered after one of four Cynomolgus monkeys inoculated with vaccine from the sample developed paralysis and died, he said.

He said that in view of his findings he believed "at least some" of Idaho's recent 75 polio cases might be traceable to the vaccine if the victims received "some of this vaccine that was positive."

However, he emphasized that only the one sample contained positive virus. He said that all other samples tested typed out negative.

Idaho Health officials recently called an indefinite halt to the mass vaccination program in that state because of the recent polio outbreak.

Sno-Cats Purchased For Use By Four Antarctic Expeditions

The Tucker Sno-Cat, manufactured in a plant on South Pacific highway, Medford, will get its most severe test within the next year when at least 20 freighter type vehicles are taken to Antarctica in expeditions by four organizations from as many countries.

Two vehicles destined to be sent to the South Pole next fall underwent extensive tests recently in France's Pyrenees mountains by Dr. Paul E. Victor of Paris, who is heading Expedition Polaires Francaises.

Two more similar vehicles have been ordered for the French expedition and three other nations, including the United States, have placed orders for about 19 vehicles, all for Antarctic expeditions this fall, according to company officials.

Production of the large Sno-Cats has started with construction of various parts of the vehicles, but the first machine is not expected to be completed until about Aug. 1.

The vehicles will have an overall length of 20 feet and weigh about 7,000 pounds apiece. The Cats with 234-horsepower Chrysler V-8 engines, will cost about \$14,000 each. The 12-passenger, freighter type vehicles will have regular enclosed bodies, except two being shipped to France. The vehicles will be winterized to withstand extreme cold.

Others Ordered Between 10 and 14 will be made for American Antarctic Expeditions, four for the Trans-Antarctic Expedition, Ltd., of England, and two will be made for the Australian Antarctic Society.

Dr. Victor, who recently visited the Tucker plant here, recommended the vehicles to various governments and organiza-

tions planning expeditions. The recommendations were based on his experience with Sno-Cats in Greenland and Alaska during World War II and on private expeditions.

Besides testing the vehicles in the Pyrenees, Dr. Victor also has compared the Tucker vehicle to other type snow vehicles, and believes the Sno-Cat will better serve expeditions to the South Pole.

The French expedition probably will be the first to move the locally manufactured vehicles into the Antarctic.

To Train Officer England's expedition will include a transportation officer trained at the Tucker plant here. He is expected to arrive in Medford in the near future to study operations of the Sno-Cat. Dr. V. E. Fuchs heads the English expedition.

John R. Lodwick of London

recently visited the Tucker plant on behalf of the Antarctic expedition to obtain technical information regarding fuel and lubricants for below-zero operations. Lodwick is with a British petroleum company.

The British expedition plans to cross the Antarctic continent, a distance of about 2,000 miles, and hauling gasoline and other supplies will be done with trailers pulled by Sno-Cats. The Cats will not be changed from the plant here.

May Buy Trailers Morris Tucker, one of three sons of Emmett Tucker, inventor and manufacturer of the Sno-Cat, said the English expedition may purchase its trailers from the local company, but as yet no order has been placed.

The Trans-Antarctic Expedition, Ltd., ordered Sno-Cats on the basis of favorable reports

from private and military sources on their effectiveness.

The Australian expedition will be headed by E. Graham Turbot of Auckland, New Zealand. The Australian Antarctic society ordered the vehicles on the basis of previous experience with Sno-Cats. Ten vehicles have been used in the Australian mountains during the past few years.

Most Extensive The American Antarctic expedition probably will be the most extensive research program. The 10 to 14 Cats for the American group were chosen on the basis of reports and observations of performance throughout the country.

The American expedition is being carried out in cooperation with the Navy and the Snow, Ice, and Permafrost Research Establishment (SIPRE) of the Army Corps of Engineers. The

Menon, Dulles Set Conference on U.S. Prisoners in China

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and India's roving Ambassador, V. K. Krishna Menon, will confer this month on prospects of obtaining the release of more Americans held prisoner by Red China and the outlook for relieving Far Eastern tension.

There is some question, however, of when and where they will meet. White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said Menon is "coming to Washington and has an appointment with the Secretary of State."

Dulles seemed surprised by the White House announcement as he took off from National Airport for Columbia, S. C., on the first leg of a campaign to line up bipartisan support for the coming Big Four conference.

Informal sources reported Saturday that the United States, Britain, and France will propose next week to Russia that the "Summit" meeting be held at Geneva, Switzerland, beginning July 18.

Dulles said he expects he will see Menon, who conferred in Peking recently with the Red Chinese leaders, at the San Francisco United Nations conference June 20-26.

"I expect I'll be seeing him—he's going to be at San Francisco at least," Dulles said.

When the two men meet it is obvious that chief topics of their talks would be the recent release of four Airmen jet fighter pilots, prospects for release of all 63 Americans still believed held by the Reds, and what can be done to avoid war in the Far East.

Menon conferred recently with Chinese Premier Chou En-lai in the Red Chinese capital on the Formosa crisis and the release of American prisoners. Following his talks, the four American pilots were released.

However, the United States feels that the U. N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold played the major role in obtaining release of the fliers.

Deadline for School Petitions June 13

One more week remains in which petitions of nomination for candidates for election to the school board of District 49 can be filed.

The election is on June 20, and petitions must be filed by June 13, which is a week from tomorrow.

One candidate, William Barker, has filed his candidacy so far.

Bulletin

Portland — (U.P.) — There will be milk on Portland, Ore., doorsteps this morning.

The labor dispute that stopped deliveries to homes and stores in the Portland area since Thursday was "suspended" last night.

Fred L. Peterson made the announcement after all-day sessions with Union and management leaders.

Car Teeters on Edge Of Embankment Until Girl Helped to Safety

Diane Orene Tuttle, 17, of Shady Cove, was assisted from a teetering automobile just before it plunged over a 20-foot embankment and was demolished Friday afternoon, according to state police.

The officers who investigated the accident said that Miss Tuttle, driving south from Shady Cove at a moderate rate of speed, took her eyes from the road for a moment, and the car left the pavement as it rounded a curve. The driver slammed on the brakes and the car spun, skidded and rolled over, coming to rest on its right side, balancing precariously over the edge of the bank.

A passer-by, Roy L. Collingwood, 625 Losier lane, Medford, came to Miss Tuttle's aid, and pulled her out of the car just as it tipped and crashed down the embankment.

Alone in the car at the time, the driver was reported to have suffered minor cuts and bruises, but was to be taken to a physician for a check as to possible other hurts.

The car was wrecked in the plunge down the bank, police said.

Greece, Turkey on Soviets' Schedule For Neutralization

Vienna, Austria — (U.P.) — Russia and Bulgaria Saturday night announced an agreement that indicated Greece and Turkey may be the next targets of Soviet Communist party chief Nikita S. Khrushchev's drive to build a line of neutral nations across Europe.

A communique issued in Sofia, Bulgaria, said the accord between Russia and Yugoslavia reached this week should "contribute to the amelioration" of Soviet and Bulgarian relations "with the neighboring countries of Greece and Turkey."

Eastern Anchor Turkey and Greece form the strategic eastern anchor of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). They are allied with Yugoslavia in the Balkan mutual defense pact designed to help protect the Middle East from Soviet aggression.

Observers in Belgrade had speculated that one purpose of Khrushchev's mission there might be to undermine the Balkan pact.

Khrushchev and Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin are barnstorming their way home from Yugoslavia through the capitals of the satellite countries. Their mission apparently is to explain Russian concessions to the "former renegade" Marshal Tito.

Friday the Soviet leaders stopped in Sofia. Saturday they conferred with Hungarian and Romanian leaders in Bucharest, Romania.

But the joint communique on the Sofia talks was only made public last night. The Bulgarian press agency transmitted it over Sofia radio.

Geneva Selected as Site of Conference Starting July 18

Washington — (U.P.) — The Big Three western nations will invite Russia next week to hold the Big Four heads-of-state conference at Geneva, Switzerland, beginning July 18, official sources reported Saturday.

The U.S.-British-French proposal represents a compromise.

London — (U.P.) — Indian "peace" envoy V. K. Krishna Menon was reported Saturday to have unveiled to British leaders a three-point Formosa cease-fire plan said to have the backing of Red China.

Informal sources said the plan provided for Nationalist evacuation of the off-shore islands of Quemoy and Matsu, renunciation of force by both Nationalists and Communists, and a conference to settle their conflict.

The western nations originally suggested Lausanne, Switzerland, and Russia wanted the meetings held in Vienna.

Sees No Miracles As plans went forward for the conference, Sen. Walter F. George warned Americans to "look for no miracles" in the conference. However, he said "we should approach the conference with a positive attitude."

The veteran Georgia Democrat, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, said "the best we could hope for would be to find a direction that will lead to a lessening of tensions."

That is the view that President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles have taken of the forthcoming conference. They see it as one of the first steps on a rocky path toward peace.

George refused to be drawn into a reported difference of opinion between the State department and Vice-president Richard M. Nixon about the importance of the conference.

Unhappy About Remarks Although the department officially declined comment on Nixon's remarks in a speech at Chicago Thursday, it was reported unhappy about them. Nixon said the Big Four meeting may be the last chance to settle world differences peacefully and avoid a disastrous war.

Dulles brushed off questions about the speech Saturday. He said, "I haven't read the speech myself... I don't like to comment on speeches on the basis of headlines... I don't think it's fair to comment on speeches until you've read them."

The West apparently does not intend to propose how long the conference should last. Main participants will be President Eisenhower, Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin, British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden, and French Premier Edgar Faure. But Mr. Eisenhower has said he favors a session of about three days.

Police Investigate Explosion Reports

City police, who investigated a report of two explosions at the courthouse about 4:30 a.m. yesterday, said that they were of the opinion that Elks lodge members staying here in connection with the state convention at Ashland caused the detonations.

Exact nature of the explosions was not determined. They were heard by prisoners in the county jail and by others in the vicinity. Irving William Houschild, clerk at the Medford hotel, told officers that he observed smoke rising from the courthouse lawn.

A check of the courthouse was made to determine if the explosions might have been inside the building.

Washington — (U.P.) — Dave Beck, head of the AFL Teamsters Union, said Saturday he plans to combine forces with the two rival East and Gulf Coast Longshoremen's unions and launch a giant organizing drive—mainly in the South.