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FORECAST—Considerable cloudiness and hot Sunday with possible afternoon thundershowers over mountains south and east. Partly cloudy and a little cooler Monday. High today 95; low Sunday night 58; high Monday 90. Temp. Highest yesterday 101. Lowest yesterday 60.

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Morse, Kefauver Level Charges At Chairman of FPC

Washington—(U.P.)—Two Senate Democrats Saturday accused Chairman Jerome K. Kuykendall of the Federal Power Commission of fostering "deception" in the Hells Canyon, Idaho, power case. They also charged him with suppressing data in the controversial Dixon-Yates power contract.

The allegations came to light in an exchange of letters between Sens. Wayne Morse (Ore.) and Estes Kefauver (Tenn.), both public power partisans. Kefauver disclosed that Kuykendall already has been notified he will be called to explain his "unusual conduct" when the Senate Anti-Monopoly subcommittee resumes hearings this fall.

Authorized Project President Eisenhower cancelled the Dixon-Yates contract after Memphis, Tenn., said it would build its own power plant rather than accept Dixon-Yates.

Baker—(U.P.)—The Hells Canyon development association Saturday appealed to the State Hydroelectric commission to refuse an application by Idaho Power company to build three low dams on the Snake river.

The appeal was issued by Albert Ullman of Baker, president of the association. Applications from the dams, which would be located at the Idaho-Oregon border, were pending before the commission.

electricity. On Thursday, over protests of public power advocates, Kuykendall's commission authorized a private firm, the Idaho Power Co., to develop the Hells Canyon project which had been earmarked by Democratic administrations for federal development.

In suggesting that Kuykendall should be called to testify, Morse said that "with the aid of the Eisenhower administration, the private utilities are attempting to destroy the public power yardstick."

In his reply, Kefauver said that Kuykendall's conduct in the Dixon-Yates case raises "serious issues of propriety," and seems to put "his impartiality and objectivity in question." Kefauver added:

Raises Doubts "Mr. Kuykendall's association with and clearance for appointment as FPC chairman by Gov. (Arthur B.) Langlie (R-Wash.), an opponent of Hells Canyon who, since Kuykendall's appointment, has actively intervened in the Hells Canyon case before the FPC, also raises doubts whether Chairman Kuykendall can pass judgment on the Hells Canyon case with an open and unbiased mind."

Under the Dixon-Yates contract a private power combine was to build a steam plant and sell power to the government to be channeled into the public power network of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

In the Hells Canyon case, the five-member Power Commission ruled that Idaho Power should be licensed to build three dams on the Snake river canyon along the Idaho-Oregon border. Public power advocates had urged federal construction of a single high dam.

Morse contended in his letter that Kuykendall "withheld" from the House-Senate Atomic Energy Committee last fall information that the FPC Bureau of Law found the Dixon-Yates contract "questionable as a matter of law and against the best interests of the United States."

Kefauver agreed in his letter that the information was "apparently suppressed."

Secretary of Navy Pledges Inquiry in Eugene Landy Case

Midshipman Gets Strong Backing

Washington—(U.P.)—Navy Secretary Charles S. Thomas said Saturday he personally will make a "full and impartial" investigation of the Navy's refusal to give a reserve commission to a U.S. Merchant Marine academy honor graduate whose mother once was a "kaffee klatsch" Communist.

Thomas disclosed he had taken charge of the case as Midshipman Eugene W. Landy, 21, sent a telegram to the Bureau of Navy Personnel "respectfully" requesting that it reconsider its refusal.

No Formal Notification Landy, preparing at his Bradley Beach, N.J., home to sail as a seaman aboard a tanker tomorrow, said he still had not been notified formally by the Navy that a commission had been denied him. All he had to act upon, he said, was a verbal report by one of his instructors at the Kings Port Merchant Marine academy that "your commission will not be forthcoming."

The youth graduated second in a class of 96 midshipmen from the Merchant Marine's equivalent of Annapolis Friday. Senators, congressmen and the mayor of Bradley Beach interceded in Landy's behalf and telegrams and telephone calls poured into his widowed mother's home.

All the messages supported him "100 per cent," he said. Upon sending off his wire to the Navy department Landy said that "as it stands now, I might receive notification of my commission before I receive notification of the refusal."

Thomas, in undertaking a review of the case, said he had no advance opinions and that he would wait until he had heard "both sides" before reaching any decision. He said Landy's decision to appeal had no bearing on the review, that he would have studied the case anyway. Officials have said the Navy did not question Landy's own personal loyalty.

Landy, described as one of the brightest students ever to attend the academy, received several awards, including one from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Hurricane Aims At US Mainland

Miami—(U.P.)—Hurricane "Connie" by-passed Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands Saturday night and pointed the fury of its 125 mile-an-hour winds at the U.S. mainland 980 miles away.

Top winds reported from the Virgin Islands where a large movie company, including academy award winner William Holden, scurried for cover were 70 miles-an-hour gusts during the afternoon, the weather bureau said.

The Miami hurricane forecasting center spotted the huge whirlwind's center 175 miles due north of San Juan at 11 p.m. (EST). This was 980 miles east-southeast of Miami.

Tokyo—(U.P.)—President Syngman Rhee's new threats to break the Korean armistice were heavily discounted by American officers of the United Nations command here and in Seoul Saturday.

State Treasurer to Speak Before Jubilee Audience

Jacksonville—Oregon state treasurer Sig Unander will speak at 2:30 p.m. today to highlight the eighth annual Jacksonville Gold Rush jubilee, which started yesterday.

Unander will speak on "The History of Oregon" from the judge's stand in front of U. S. Hotel, jubilee headquarters. Parades on Schedule

Also on today's schedule are two parades—the Old Fashion parade at 12:30 p.m. and the Grand Parade at 1 p.m. Both will be on California st. Unander's address will follow a performance by the Novelaires quartet at the judge's stand at 2 p.m.

Other performances include Ashland Kiltie band at 3 p.m., Colleen Hope's Dancers at 4 p.m., Eve Prentice Accordion band at 4:30 p.m., Miss Pat's Dancers at 5 p.m., Mrs. Alexander's Hawai-



HELPING HAND—Major William H. Baumer (center) of Lewisburg, Pa., is helped from plane at Tachikawa Air Base near Tokyo after arrival in Japan from the Philippines. Baumer and 10 other U.S. Air Force men were recently released from Red China after spending 2½ years in Communist prisons. Major Baumer was wounded when his B-29 was shot down over North Korea during the Korean war. At left is Far East Logistical Commander Maj. Gen. P. E. Ruestow. Man at right is unidentified.

Mrs. Schmidt Fine in Hiding: Places Phone Call to Freed Airman

Nevada City, Calif.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Una Schmidt Fine hid Saturday behind the carefully phrased statements of an attorney who shielded her from "the bright glare of publicity" aroused by her marriage to a young logger while her husband languished in a Red China prison.

Dispatches from Tokyo reported that Mrs. Schmidt Fine placed a telephone call to her first husband Saturday morning as he prepared to return home with 10 other released fliers. It was not immediately learned whether they were able to speak to each other.

Retain Attorney The 20-year-old wife of both Airman Daniel Schmidt and lumberjack Alford Fine retained Harold A. Berliner, Nevada City attorney, to represent her.

Berliner refused to disclose where Una and 21-year-old Fine had moved their trailer home to avoid newsmen who had swarmed into their former Sierra logging camp home.

"This problem concerns three adult people and only these people can work it out," Berliner said. "It's no one's business but their own."

"The bright glare of publicity," he said, "can do them no possible good and could damage the lives of all of them."

Schmidt, 22-year-old crewman of a B-29 shot down over North Korea, was stunned when informed of his "Enoch Arden" role shortly after his release by the Reds.

Wedding Ring Missing He indicated he was "still all for" the childhood sweetheart he married three years ago. But it was noted the wedding band he wore when he arrived in Hong Kong was missing from his finger when he reached Tokyo.

Una, who bore Schmidt a son he has never seen, told newsmen earlier she had not made up her mind which husband she would choose.

Fine was equally disturbed by the tangled marital status of his wife. "All I know for sure is we are in love," he said.

"The boy is the real problem," he told a reporter for the Sacramento Bee. "He calls me daddy. I am the only father he has known."

Albuquerque, N. M.—(U.P.)—A downpour estimated as high as two inches sent a flash flood rampaging over 430 square blocks in northeast Albuquerque Saturday night, the fourth such inundation in 10 days.

Herbert Hoover Plans to Observe 81st Birthday at Boyhood Home in Newberg

Newberg, Ore.—(U.P.)—Ex-president Herbert Hoover will celebrate his 81st birthday next Wednesday at his boyhood home here, which will be dedicated as a national shrine.

Hoover's birthday speech, which is expected to be based on the life of his uncle, Dr. Henry J. Minthorn, a country physician with whom he was raised, is to be broadcast nationally.

Hoover, only living Republican ex-president, will be introduced by Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay. The Oregon legislature is sponsoring the celebration.

Before the former president gives his address, State Highway Commissioner Milo McIver, Portland, will officially name the stretch of U. S. Highway 99W between Newberg and Portland as "Herbert Hoover Boulevard."

PUC Orders Immediate Contesting Railroad Discontinuance of Service

Army Proposes Start Of Reserve Program With 10,000 Youths

Washington—(U.P.)—The Army has proposed to start the new six-month reserve training program in October with an initial class of about 10,000 teenage trainees, a defense department manpower official disclosed.

The overall plan is to train about 100,000 of the teenage volunteers during the coming year.

The six-month program is a new type of military service inaugurated in the reserve plan approved by the last congress. Under the program, the youths will be given six months active duty training followed by 7½ years compulsory duty in the reserve service.

Maj. Gen. John B. Murphy, military assistant in the office of assistant defense secretary for manpower, said the army has proposed to start the six-month training program this fall, probably in October.

The Marine Corps and Coast Guard also have proposed to take in six-month trainees, starting this fall.

The reserve bill still is awaiting President Eisenhower's signature, but it is assumed the president will approve it although it falls short of his original recommendations.

Once the president has signed the bill—and the necessary formalities are completed—the army is expected to announce a call for 10,000 volunteers for a training course starting in October. The calls will increase as time goes on and the program gets rolling.

The Marine Corps is expected to ask for 5,000 teen-age volunteers and the Coast Guard 1,000. The Air Force and Navy do not plan to take in any re-

SP Officials Say 'Nightcrawler' Has Made Final Trip

Study May Be Ready By Early Next Week

Salem—(U.P.)—Immediate action contesting Southern Pacific's discontinuance of its "Rogue River" passenger service between Portland and Ashland will be taken by the State Public Utilities Commission, Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel said Saturday.

SP officials had announced that the train, referred to as the "Nightcrawler" in southern Oregon, would be eliminated following its run last night. The announcement came in connection with a suit filed in Marion County Circuit Court in Salem by the railroad Friday seeking a court ruling on the commission's authority over train service.

Heltzel said he had directed J. R. McCullough, commission attorney, to conduct an immediate study to determine action his office should take to circumvent the railroad's course of action. McCullough indicated the study might be ready early next week.

A suit to enjoin the railroad from eliminating the train service in question was suggested as a possibility, McCullough said.

The attorney also indicated he would study the possibility of splitting passenger train service between the Natron Cutoff route extending from Eugene south through Klamath Falls south, and the Shasta route from Eugene through Medford and Ashland.

Southern Pacific now operates three passenger trains on the cut-off between Portland and Klamath Falls—The Cascade, Shasta Daylight, and the Klamath.

Operation of a lightweight "bud" passenger train—a short-type train—between Portland and Ashland also will be studied, McCullough said.

Should Continue Service Heltzel said the PUC's position in the controversy is that the railroad should continue its passenger service to southern Oregon pending a hearing on the matter. He emphasized that such a hearing would be held.

Railroad attorneys have contended that Heltzel's order directing the continuance of Rogue River train service without a hearing is illegal, while Heltzel has contended it is not.

McCullough's study will also encompass statutes providing penalties for violation of an order by the PUC. Such fines range from \$100 to \$1000 per day.

Attorneys for the railroad filed suit in Marion County Circuit Court in Salem Friday to test the power of the utilities commissioner. Bernal S. Quayle, general passenger agent in Portland, said the question to be decided was whether the public utilities commissioner would force the company to undergo continuing losses indefinitely.

Action Protested The railroad's announcement last month that it would discontinue its passenger runs from Eugene to Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland brought a storm of protest from Chambers of Commerce and other civic groups in the southern Oregon cities.

The protests were climaxed by the "pony express" race against the train a week ago Saturday night. The train won the race from Eugene to Roseburg by 10 minutes.

Quayle said the railroad does not challenge the right of the commission to investigate the matter after discontinuance of service. He said a hearing should be held and a valid order issued if the railroad's decision to discontinue service were found to be unlawful.

The railroad said it has been losing money for years on its "Rogue River" run. Those who protest discontinuance of service contend more passengers would ride the train if service were improved.

California Studies New Highway Over Oregon Mountain

The possibility of a new highway over Oregon mountain, the high grade on the Redwood highway just south of the Oregon line, is being studied by California highway authorities, it was reported Saturday.

State Rep. E. A. Littrell, Medford, said that California State Sen. Randolph Collier, Yreka, representing Siskiyou and Del Norte counties, who is chairman of the California legislative highway committee, is interested in the possibility of improving the route. Representative Littrell is a member of the state legislative interim highway committee.

Representative Littrell said that the present highway from near the checking station to the head of Griffin creek, on the other side of the mountain, is about eight miles long. He said the proposed realignment would be about half that distance, and would have only five or six curves, with a 200-foot cut at the summit, and that the grade would not exceed 5 or 6 per cent.

Most of the new highway would be on a southern slope, thus considerably easing the problem of snow removal in the winter, Littrell reported. He said that Senator Collier has long been interested in the project, and that he will ask the California highway department to conduct studies of the possible realignment project.

Tax Returns to Aid Drive on Commies

Washington—(U.P.)—The House Committee on Un-American Activities has been armed with authority to examine income tax returns in a drive to uncover "secret agents" of the U. S. Communist party.

An executive order issued by President Eisenhower Friday granted the authority which was requested by Chairman Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.) two months ago. The committee has not had such powers since the days of the old Dies committee.

Committee sources told the United Press the authority would be used to determine where and how Communist front organizations get their funds. In some cases, they said, financial "Angels" of the front groups have no visible means of support.

U.S. Court Session Postponed to Tuesday

The session of United States district court scheduled to open here Monday morning has been postponed until Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 10 a.m., according to word received here from Judge James Alger Fee.

Jurors have been called for 2 p.m. Tuesday. They will report to the federal courtroom in the Medford post office building.

Judge Fee, of the federal circuit court of appeals in San Francisco, will preside at the session. He has been serving in a similar capacity in Klamath Falls for the past week.

Judge Fee served as federal district judge and frequently heard cases in Medford before his appointment to the court of appeals.