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Weather

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FORECAST: Continued fair tonight. Partly cloudy and a little cooler Tuesday. Low tonight 48-52. High Tuesday 60.
Highest yesterday 84
Lowest this morning 43

DOCK STRIKE RE-STATE

General Walkout Closes Ports From Canada to Texas

Union Officers Claim Doublecross

New York—(U.P.)—The president of the International Longshoremen's Association ordered dock workers out on a "general strike" today from Canada to Houston, Tex.

Capt. William V. Bradley, head of the independent union, said in a telegram to all locals it was necessary to call a general strike "to preserve the I.L.A."

"You are hereby ordered and directed to stop work immediately in order to gain our objectives. To be specific, this is a general strike order," his telegram read.

New York Port Tied Up

Bradley and leaders of Atlantic Coast locals were in a closed meeting when the general strike order was issued.

The union has tied up most of the port of New York for five days in a dispute with the New York-New Jersey Waterfront Commission.

The strike had been called off last night, but was reinstated at 8 a.m. waterfront shapenup at Manhattan and New Jersey piers when union officers said they had been "doublecrossed" on a promised legislative investigation of their grievances against the bi-state agency.

Observers Speculate

Dock workers on the Brooklyn piers, headed by Anthony (Tony) Anastasia, were at work today and some observers speculated that the general strike order was issued to force his participation in the strike.

The union faces possibly severe penalties if the strike is still on at 4 p.m. today, when petitions for injunctions and damages are to be heard in Supreme Court here.

Army Drops 47 Cases Of Collaboration

Washington—(U.P.)—The Army has dropped the cases of 47 former prisoners of war suspected of collaboration with their Communist captors in Korea and cleared six others, it was learned today.

The six were cleared by Army board action. The 47 cases were dropped for lack of evidence. The army now has 54 cases still pending under investigation or trial.

Of the 565 former POWs of the Army, Air Force and Marine Corps who were investigated for possible collaboration, 428 now have been cleared or their cases dropped. This number includes three Army men acquitted by court martial.

Arson Investigators Probe Springfield Fires

Springfield, Ore.—(U.P.)—Arson investigators were in the Springfield area today to study reports that a series of fires were deliberately ignited.

Three times this summer a series of mystery fires has originated in the Culp creek-Diston areas. Experts from the Eastern Lane fire patrol office and the state police headquarters were called to the scene following the latest outbreak last Friday.

Noreen Kelly, Fortier Pass Bar Examinations

Noreen Ann Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Kelly, 906 West Fourth st., and David Roch Fortier, both of Medford, have completed their state bar examination, according to United Press. A total of 82.54 percent of those taking the examination passed, which is a larger than usual percentage, the Oregon Supreme Court said.

Fortier has been a Medford resident for about four years and at present is en route to Alaska where he will visit a brother.

Hillsboro, Ore.—(U.P.)—A three-year, \$22,000,000 construction program for West Coast Telephone Company facilities in Oregon, Washington and northern California has been announced here.

Tour of Air Academy Impresses Ike; Sees More Education Need

Denver—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower, thoroughly impressed by his first tour of the Air Force Academy, wondered today if the cadets had enough time to learn all they needed to know.

After visiting the Academy's temporary installation at Lowry Air Force Base here and talking with its faculty Sunday, the Chief Executive appeared to be pleased with everything he found.

Optimism Expressed

But, Mr. Eisenhower expressed optimism over the educational setup in what he called "today's complicated life."

The President said that in his day, a "boy straight from the prairie" could learn enough in high school to handle the normal duties of citizenship. But now,

he said, he had doubts that anyone could get enough education in the same number of years to meet the "complications" of modern living.

"I think the educational years may have to be lengthened in view of the complications," he said. He said he thought the average college education might be increased a year to keep up with the busy and complex modern age, and teach today's youth all it needs to know.

Conant Proposes His Merit

Mr. Eisenhower said he believed a proposal by Dr. James B. Conant, former president of Harvard University, had a lot of merit. The Conant proposal calls for a two-year junior college in every locality to supplement the local high school.

The cadets learned today of a traditional act by the President, which was greeted by the soon-to-be traditional academy "tiger yell." Mr. Eisenhower granted an "amnesty" which wiped clean the slates of all cadets with more than 30 demerits.

This action, which gladdened the hearts of 29 cadets, is traditional when a president visits West Point or Annapolis.

Mr. Eisenhower looked over the academy headquarters and the library, several classrooms and a barracks. He then reviewed the 296-man cadet corps on the broad, green parade ground. While the future generals of the air lacked the colorful uniforms of West Point and Annapolis, they lacked nothing in precision or smartness.

Nile River Region Hit by Earthquake; At Least 18 Killed

Cairo, Egypt—(U.P.)—A sharp earthquake jolted the thickly populated Nile River Delta region from Cairo to Alexandria today. Officials reported at least 18 persons dead.

The Ministry of the Interior said 10 persons were killed in Cairo and eight in the northern provinces during the 40-second tremor.

Incomplete reports reaching

the ministry listed 65 persons injured in Cairo and another 25 hurt in the provinces. Unofficial reports from Alexandria said 20 factory workers and 10 students were injured when the tremor rocked the port city and residents stampeded out of buildings in panic. Seven houses were reported damaged and a school was said to be so shaken it threatened to collapse.

Officials said nine of the 10 dead in Cairo were schoolgirls, killed on the first day of the new school term when their kindergarten in the Daher area was damaged by the quake.

Cairo appeared hardest hit. The city fire brigade was put on an emergency basis to help trapped victims. One official said 24 buildings were damaged. A Cairo museum official said a number of small statues were toppled from their pedestals.

Annexation Request To Planning Group

The Medford Planning commission at its 7:30 p.m. meeting today will consider a request for annexation of property owned by Benton Smith at the northeast corner of Murray st. and Columbus ave.

Also on the commission's agenda is a petition requesting vacation of an alley in the Crowell addition, and a letter from the city council regarding encroachment on Evergreen st. where a local firm has requested to construct a loading dock.

A report on change of zone on Boardman st. will be heard by the commission.

China Sees New Start In Relations With US

Tokyo—(U.P.)—Communist China said today the Geneva agreement on release of Americans held by the Reds "proves that possibilities do exist" for solving other disputes between the two countries.

While pointing out that the initial success could be "a new start in the relations" between the U. S. and Red China, Peiping radio also heatedly denied U. S. Information Service charges that the Communists still hold some 500 American soldiers.

The USIS said the U. S. soldiers serving with the United Nations forces in Korea had been captured by the Communists and had never been returned or otherwise accounted for by the Communists.

The government newspaper, Peiping People's Daily, called the charge "a shopworn article taken out of the U. S. Cold War arsenal by those Americans who fear a relaxation of the international situation."

Medford Officials Guests at Ashland

City Manager Robert Duff, Mayor Earl Miller, and ex-Mayor and president of the League of Oregon Cities Diamond Flynn will discuss the council-city manager form of government at the Tuesday noon luncheon of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce.

The Ashland program was arranged by Judge P. H. Stansbury, who said the council-manager form of government may eventually have to be considered for Ashland.

The council-manager form was initiated in Medford Jan. 1 this year.

Anti-Communists Win All 91 Seats On Cambodia Ballot

Pnom Penh, Cambodia—(U.P.)—The anti-Communist party of former King Norodom Sihanouk swept every seat today in the first Indochina election since the end of the Indochina war.

The stunning ballot put little Cambodia squarely in the Western camp in threatened Southeast Asia.

The winning of all 91 seats in the National Assembly by the ex-king's Socialist Peoples Community party was a smashing rejection of neutralism as fostered by Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

Neutralists Big Losers
The big loser was the neutralist Democratic party which had a majority in the old assembly. Party leader on Ngoc Thanh had sought to take Cambodia into the neutralist camp with India, Burma and Indonesia.

The Democrats immediately yelled foul and demanded that the International Control Commission set up by the Geneva conference ending the civil war investigate alleged fraud at the polls.

Some leaders of the Democratic party were reported to have gone underground and a spokesman for the group said there had been an order for the mass arrest of all Democratic leaders.

Week-End Accidents Snuff Lives of Five

By UNITED PRESS
Accidents claimed the lives of five persons in Oregon and northern California yesterday and today.

At Roseburg yesterday, 19-year-old Gary L. Innerebner, driving a new 1955 sports car with a fiberglass body, apparently had too much speed to negotiate a curve and crashed into a power pole north of Roseburg. He was killed outright and the car burst into flames, leaving nothing but the metal skeleton.

Henry Kenney, 54, of Junction City, Ore., was believed drowned this morning in a gravel pit north of Monroe in Benton county.

J. O. Coble, of Shafter, Calif., was killed about 11 a.m. today 12 miles north of McDermitt, Ore., on the Oregon-Nevada border.

In Portland, the six-week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall W. Barnard apparently suffocated in his crib. And at Redding, Calif., Arthur Wood of Vancouver, B. C., was killed in a one-car crash on the road to Burney Falls state park in Shasta county.

Park Street Paving To Start Tomorrow

Paving of Park st. from Catherine st. to Stewart ave. will begin Tuesday, according to Vernon Thorpe, city public works director.

Thorpe said the Park street project was originally scheduled to start Wednesday. Hamilton st. will be paved from 11th st. to 106 feet south of 11th st., with construction beginning Wednesday, Thorpe said.

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Rita Hayworth, reportedly in disguise, is en route to New York and Europe to take her daughter, Yasmine, for a visit with Prince Aly Khan.

Portland—(U.P.)—Trial of William L. Russell, 22, who was accused of viciously attacking his two-year-old son, will begin in Multnomah County Circuit Court tomorrow.

Fire Conditions Explosive; County Blazes Controlled

Klamath Fire Rages; 3 New One in Rogue

The forest and range fire situation in Jackson county, while still explosive, remained under control today.

But in Siskiyou county to the south, several thousand acres of fires still burned uncontrolled, with between 2,000 and 3,000 men on the firelines, and more needed.

No Great Concern

Three new small fires were reported in the Rogue River National Forest today, but they were not causing any great concern. All are in the Klamath district of the forest, high in the Cascades. One was on the lower slopes of Mt. Thielsen, and men were on it by mid-morning. Another was in the Big Aspin area, and preparations were being made just before noon to fly in smoke jumpers from the Cave Junction airport. The Forest Service plane also was to do reconnaissance work in the mountains, because visibility from lookouts was low.

The third fire was in the Lost Peak region, north-northeast of Four Mile lake, but crews had been unable to locate it definitely at noon today.

Small Fire

One small fire, presumably started by picnickers, was reported at the forest camp on the south fork of Little Butte creek. Steve Wilson, Eagle Point logger, radioed the Forest Service that he was near and would put it out.

Reports from the Klamath National Forest headquarters indicated that the northern side of the big Haystack blaze, which was within a few miles of the Rogue River forest boundary, is being held. A line has been completed, and firefighters are hopeful it can be held. A secondary line of defense, along the Rogue River forest border, was completed Saturday night by Rogue River crews, which will backfire if it becomes necessary.

400 Mopping Up

The weather forecast is for continued low humidities. About 400 men are at work mopping up the 900-acre Sterling mountain fire, near Siskiyou gap, forest headquarters said this morning. Hose and pumps were moved in last night. The state forest patrol reported no new fires in areas for which it is responsible. About a dozen men are now on each of the fires controlled last week, mopping them up and watching them to prevent any new outbreaks.



BREAKFAST RALLY—President Eisenhower (left) is shown at a breakfast rally with Republican state chairmen in Denver, where he gave the GOP leaders a pep talk on party organization that contained no hint of his own 1956 plans. Following the meeting, National Republican Party Chairman Leonard Hall (right) said he was more convinced than ever that the President would run again. In the background is Bernard M. Shanley, appointment secretary to the President.

Klamath and Sequoia Blazes Continue To Rage Out of Control

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Firefighters fought a nip-and-tuck battle today against four fiercely raging fires blazing out of control in the Klamath and Sequoia National Forests, but other major fires in widely scattered areas of California appeared to be under control.

Two of the most dangerous fires burst into raging infernos in the Klamath National Forest near Yreka, where 30-mile-an-hour winds blew sparks across well-established fire lines. The new fires burned over a total of 300 acres by Sunday night.

The weather man predicted continued high fire hazard in most of the state with high temperatures and low humidity, but possible thundershowers were forecast for the high Sierra.

Meanwhile, state officials were searching for an arsonist who set 10 potentially dangerous fires along a road near Grass Valley in remove Nevada county. Arson Cited

"There can't be any question it's arson," said John W. Tomblin, deputy state forester. "One fire started right behind another along the road—and all within five minutes of each other."

All 10 blazes were brought under control Sunday afternoon and Tomblin said Grass Valley, some three miles away, was no danger.

In Klamath National Forest, one fire on a six-mile ridge in the Salmon river area which had burned through 7000 acres of timber, continued to burn out of control despite efforts to throw fire lines around it.

Fingers of fire kept licking down drainage ravines in the Westinghouse Corp. Workers on Strike

Pittsburgh—(U.P.)—Some 44,000 CIO electrical workers went on strike at 28 Westinghouse Electric Corp. plants across the nation today to back a local's protest of a time study being made of day workers' jobs at East Pittsburgh.

Pickets began setting up their lines at 12:01 a.m. while top level negotiations continued between the International Union of Electrical Workers and the company. The negotiators recessed "for the night" at 2 a.m. but were to resume their talks at 2 p.m.

IUE President James B. Carey, said that the company-wide walkout at 12:01 a.m. (EDT) was caused by Westinghouse Vice-President R. D. Blasler's refusal to reduce to writing interpretation of a truce agreement reached unduly at the conference table.

Blasler blamed the strike on Carey.

Morse Target of Poke In GOP Weekly Letter

Washington—(U.P.)—The Senate Republican policy committee took a gentle poke today at Sen. Wayne Morse, (D-Ore.)—the Senate's champion of the "Morse" and breeders of prize cattle.

Under the caption "many will be pleased," the committee noted in its weekly newsletter that Morse, after an exhibition at a Maryland fair, is going "to transport his prize bull out to Oregon."

Russians Reject Continued Talks At Lower Level

Soviet Asks Normal Diplomatic Relations

Moscow—(U.P.)—West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Russia's top leaders were reported today to have agreed on the principle of continuing direct contact between their governments. But they were unable to agree on the method.

Two solid hours of hard bargaining between Adenauer and the Soviet delegation headed by Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist party chief Nikita Khrushchev failed to provide an answer.

A German proposal made at this morning's preliminary meeting between Foreign Ministers V. M. Molotov and Heinrich von Brentano that the present Moscow talks be continued at a lower level was turned down by the Soviets.

Deadlock Remains

The Russians are still insisting on their original proposal to establish completely normal diplomatic relations with an exchange of ambassadors.

But when the plenary session broke up this afternoon, Ambassador Felix von Eckhardt, spokesman for the German delegation, said, "There is no change from this morning."

Earlier, Adenauer was reported to have told the Western ambassadors in Moscow that he and the Soviet leaders had agreed upon direct, continuous relations between their two countries.

Informed sources said the Bonn-Moscow contacts will not be formal diplomatic relations at first, and their exact form has not yet been set.

The sources added that Adenauer has agreed to join with East German in technical talks on the release of German prisoners held by the Soviets. The United States was reported to have no objection to the talks on this basis.

Fail To Agree

However, a German spokesman said that this morning's session between Molotov and von Brentano "failed to reach agreements." They had met to work out plans for further contacts between the two countries.

A high ranking member of the German delegation disclosed that von Brentano proposed to Molotov that the current talks be continued by delegations at a level lower than those of head of government or foreign ministers. "We cannot sit here forever," he said.

But he said the Soviets rejected this proposal.

Russia Said Planning To Relax Censorship

Moscow—(U.P.)—Smiling Russian leaders told five visiting U. S. Senators that the Soviet Union had made a start on relaxing censorship.

Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) said he brought up the subject of censorship during a two-hour chat in the Kremlin with Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist Party Chief Nikita Khrushchev.

The other senators present were J. Allen Frear (D-Del.), George W. Malone (R-Nev.), Henry C. Dworshak (R-Ida.), and Milton R. Young (R-N.D.). Mrs. Malone also was present at the meeting.

Kefauver said he "pointed out that there were many U. S. press, radio and television men in Moscow, and that some of them had difficulties."

Two Power Officials Subpoenaed To Testify

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Two Oregon public power figures have been subpoenaed to testify tomorrow before a House Operations subcommittee studying Department of Interior power policies.

They are Lee Wooden, president of the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and B. R. Little, manager of the Benton-Lincoln County Rural Electric Cooperative.

The subcommittee headed by Rep. Earl Chudoff, held similar hearings last week at Idaho Falls, Idaho. Gus Norwood, executive secretary of the Pacific Northwest Power Association, criticized Interior Secretary Douglas McKay's regulations and rates for transmitting private power over the federal grid.

OVER THE FENCE

Salem—(U.P.)—State police today were searching for Allen Parker, 23, who went back for a long fly ball Saturday during a baseball game between two Oregon State hospital teams. Police said the ball didn't go over the fence, but Parker did.

New Demands Expected By Red China at Geneva

Washington—(U.P.)—The United States expects Red China to ask for a United Nations seat, diplomatic recognition, and the offshore islands now that the prisoner issue is out of the way at Geneva.

The answer still is "No." Red China's agreement to free all American prisoners it holds cleared the way for discussion of these subjects as part of the second stage of the Geneva talks on peace in the Far East.

Olympia—(U.P.)—Ten small fires burned over about eight acres of state-protected land during the week-end, Washington State Forester L. T. Webster has reported.