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Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy and cooler tonight and Thursday with fog or low clouds early Thursday morning. Low tonight 34-36, high Thursday 60.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	61
Lowest this Morning	42
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today	.78

High Court Accepts Jur ction In Orchardists' Taxation Appeal

Assessor is Given Alternatives for Action by Oct. 31

Assessment Rolls At Issue in Case

Salem — (U.P.) — The Oregon Supreme Court today accepted jurisdiction in one phase of a dispute between the State Tax Commission and some 180 Jackson county orchardists.

In doing so, it issued orders to County Assessor Robert G. Fowler to do three things:

1. To delete recent increases in assessed valuations on commercial orchard property in Jackson county.

2. To recompute the county millage rate, based on the assessment rolls after the added valuations are deleted.

3. To deliver the assessment roll to the Jackson county sheriff.

Fowler was ordered to do these by Oct. 31, or to appear and show cause why he had not.

Asked for Writ

The orchardists last week petitioned the supreme court to issue a writ of alternative mandamus providing for the above points. In accepting jurisdiction in the case, the court in effect ordered Fowler to comply with the request of the orchardists.

The orchardists' demand stemmed from increases in the assessments on commercial orchard property, ordered by the state tax commission. The dispute has been in progress since last spring, when the commission announced that Jackson county commercial orchard trees were not listed on tax assessment rolls, and ordered that they should be included.

They claimed that the increases in assessments on their properties discriminated against them in comparison with those on other farm lands in the county.

No Notification

Fowler this afternoon said he has as yet received no official notification of the action of the Supreme Court, and was thus unable to say what action he would take as a result.

He reported, however, that all corrections in the assessed valuations on commercial orchard properties, ordered by the tax commission as a result of recent hearings here have been received. He said, on the basis of his present plans, he will turn the assessment roll over to the sheriff as soon as possible, perhaps within the next day or so.

The assessment roll now includes the increased valuations on orchard property as ordered by the tax commission. The corrections, in most cases, are downward adjustments of the valuations ordered earlier.

LINCOLN GETS FIRST MIKE BASE—Two guards, members of the 514th AAA Missile Battalion in Lincoln, Mass., stand guard over Nike missiles on their launching platforms. It is the first of many NIKE bases that will protect this metropolitan area.

Disqualification In Royal Duties Seen for Margaret

London — (U.P.) — The Times of London said today Princess Margaret would be "irrevokably disqualified" from carrying her royal duties if she married divorced Peter Townsend.

The influential newspaper ended its long editorial silence with stern comment on Margaret's romance with the handsome Royal Air Force Group captain.

If Margaret and Townsend decided on marriage, it said, "The Princess will be entering into a union which vast numbers of her sister's people, all sincerely anxious for her lifelong happiness, can not in all conscience regard as a marriage."

Opposition of the Church of England to remarriage of divorced persons, even innocent parties to divorce, was reaffirmed by Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, who pointed out that "a reasonable church does not change its teaching every few minutes."

The government of Prime Minister Anthony Eden drew fire from the Daily Mirror, Britain's largest circulation newspaper, for failure to tell Parliament on Tuesday if there is to be a marriage.

Eden ignored a written question concerning Margaret's marriage plans submitted in the House of Commons by a member of Parliament.

The Prime Minister was received by the Queen at Buckingham palace last night. The visit was described as his customary weekly audience but the two almost certainly discussed Margaret's future.

The palace also announced that the Queen, accompanied by her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, will fly to Nigeria in January for a three-week visit.

It was considered unlikely that the surprise announcement was to give the Queen an opportunity to be out of the country in case Margaret and Townsend are married.

Police Keep Watch On Captured Gunman; Bullet Victim Dies

Salem, Ore. — (U.P.) — Police kept a close watch today on a 23-year-old prisoner who terrorized two families at gunpoint and killed a man during a desperate and unsuccessful attempt to flee arrest for auto theft.

The gunman, Martin Reyes of San Francisco, was arrested last night while eating in a restaurant on the outskirts of Monmouth, a few miles southwest of Salem.

Police Chief Edward C. Leum captured Reyes shortly after James Applegate, 39, died in a Corvallis hospital of bullet wounds inflicted by Reyes Monday night.

Leum said he got a call that a suspicious man wearing gunny sacks across his shoulders was eating in a restaurant. He checked out the report immediately and discovered the stranger was Reyes.

Wounded in Arm

Reyes explained he had gotten cold and thrown the sacks across his arms to keep warm. He had been wounded in the arm. He was taken to Salem General hospital for X-rays, after which he was to be taken to Marion county jail.

Authorities were to confer today on the charges to be lodged against him. They could include murder, kidnaping and armed assault.

Reyes and a companion, Jose Mitchell de Mesa, 21, also of San Francisco, escaped from the Eugene jail Monday night as they were being booked on a stolen car charge. While officers were searching the two, Reyes pulled a .45 automatic and locked Jailer Robert Lockard and Undersheriff Nelson Whipps in a cell.

Kidnaped Family

At Junction City, north of Eugene, they halted a station wagon in which were H. H. Littlefield, 33, of Medford, his wife and three daughters. The fugitives forced the Littlefield family into the sheriff's car which they had been driving, then drove off in the station wagon.

Apparently de Mesa became frightened at this point and Reyes shot him in the foot to force him to continue.

The station wagon crashed at the edge of the Corvallis business district 40 miles northwest of Eugene, and the pair started to run. Corvallis police caught de Mesa, but Reyes escaped to the north end of the city, where he accosted Applegate and his three children at a service station.

Then Reyes ordered Appelgate to get into his car. Appelgate, who is a reserve deputy, grappled with him. Reyes shot him three times, then fled. A widespread search was immediately begun.

Thornton Favors OLCC Housecleaning

Salem — (U.P.) — Although the Multnomah county grand jury returned no indictments against Oregon Liquor Control commission employees or officers, Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said today he thought a "real old fashioned housecleaning" at the commision is long overdue.

Thornton issued a statement that "our investigation was prompted by reports which came to the attorney general's office in the late fall of 1954 that certain key liquor commission employees had been soliciting and accepting cash gratuities and gifts from whiskey distillery representatives."

He said "In view of the responsibility imposed upon the attorney general as "chief law officer of the state . . ." to look into such charges, I employed Leroy Skousen, an experienced former FBI agent, to make an investigation . . . to the extent that it was possible without power of subpoena, every accusation and rumor was checked out to see if there was any foundation or basis for it."

Astoria Mayor Named Oregon Cities President

Portland — (U.P.) — Peter G. Cosovich, mayor of Astoria, today was chosen new president of the League of Oregon Cities at a convention in the Multnomah hotel here. Cosovich succeeds Diamond L. Flynn, former mayor of Medford in the top post.

Dulles in Mood Of Conciliation For Geneva Meet

Molotov Says Russia Desires Cold War End

Geneva —(U.P.)— Secretary of State John Foster Dulles arrived here today in a mood of conciliation for the Big Four foreign ministers' meeting.

"We will seek the necessary conciliation to achieve the constructive elements of a just and durable peace," he said.

Dulles arrived from Paris where he had met with the foreign ministers of France, Britain and Israel to prepare for the Big Four meeting and discuss the growing crisis in the Middle East.

Dulles made his statement shortly after arriving at Cointrin Airport. He already had been preceded here by Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov and British Foreign Secretary Harold MacMillan. French Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay was en route by train for tomorrow's opening session.

To Work for Peace

The Western delegates, in a series of last minute conferences in Paris, had searched for a new cold war settlement.

On arrival, Molotov said Russia is "inspired by a sincere desire to end the cold war."

MacMillan said that he trusted the Big Four's "work will be fruitful in the cause of peace and the settlement of the many difficult problems that beset Europe."

Dulles arrived to note that "the spirit of Geneva has become identical with the hopes of all the world."

"It is in that spirit that we meet here to carry out the directives given us by the heads of government."

Dulles was accompanied by a host of American officials, including Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson and Charles E. Bohlen, U. S. ambassador to the Soviet Union.

Before he left Paris, Dulles talked with Israeli Premier Moshe Sharett about Israel's request for help against growing Arab strength.

Israeli officials said Sharett's talk with Dulles concerned Israel's request for arms and guarantees of its present frontiers.

MHS Students Take Scholarship Tests

Fifteen students at Medford High school this morning took 2½-hour tests under the National Merit Scholarship plan. The tests were given by Mrs. Elsie Butler of the school faculty.

Throughout the nation, an estimated 50,000 other students took the same tests at the same time. The scholarship program, based on an endowment of more than $20,000,000, is the largest ever devised, and is in operation this year for the first time.

Successful applicants may choose the college or university of their choice, and will be assisted on a basis of need, ranging from a token amount of $100 up to full tuition and expenses for four years.

Bids Scheduled Next Week On Local Highway Projects

The state highway commission will receive bids next week in Portland on three Jackson county projects, including start of the one-way street system in Ashland, it was announced today.

On Nov. 3, the commission will receive bids for installation of a three-phase, fully-activated volume-density type traffic control signal installation at the intersection of Riverside and Stewart aves., in Medford. The project is scheduled for completion before March 31, 1956.

The same day, bids will be received for furnishing 11,000 cubic yards of crushed rock or gravel in stockpiles for future use in maintaining the section of Greensprings highway between Siskiyou junction and the Klamath county line.

The following day, Nov. 4, the commission will receive bids for construction of the north bound lanes of the new one-way highway system in Ashland between Helman st. and a point on East Main st. about 350 feet south of Third st.

Plans call for a curbed city street section with 44 feet of pavement, providing two-lane traffic with room for parking on both sides of the street. The one-way highway system will help in eliminating congestion of traffic in the downtown business district, according to the commission.

The project is scheduled for completion in the late fall of 1956.

Portugal Warned Occupation Can Not Be Tolerated

Claim Said Backed by India Prime Minister

Hong Kong — (U.P.) — Communist China laid claim today to the 400-year-old Portuguese colony of Macao and warned that Portugal's "continued occupation" of the Chinese coastal territory can no longer be tolerated.

Red Chinese propaganda organs distributed and broadcast the claim and warning. They startled both Western and Chinese circles here and in Macao and were seen as the possible opening shot in a Communist campaign against the Portuguese colony.

Support From India

It immediately increased the possibility that the Communists may take Macao back with support from India. Peiping said Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of Indian supported their claim and "even told the Indian Parliament on Sept. 17 that Macao should be returned to China as a matter of course."

Peiping cited Red China's support of Indian demands for an end to Portuguese control of the enclaves of Goa, Die and Daman. Portugal's continued rule over the enclaves in India, Peiping said, "constitutes an intolerable insult to the Chinese people, to the Indian people and to all Asian people."

Oldest Settlement

Macao is the oldest permanent European settlement in China. The colony consists of three islands on the coast of Southern Kwangtung province about 50 miles acress the Pearl river estuary from the British colony of Hong Kong. It has a population of about 400,000, mostly Chinese.

McCormick Rites To Be Thursday

Requiem mass for L. A. McCormick, 51, Eugene, president and general manager of Big Y Super Markets in Medford and Eugene, will be offered at Sacred Heart church Thursday at 9 a.m. with the Very Rev. Father N. J. Deis officiating. Interment will be in Siskiyou Memorial park. Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held at Perl funeral home tonight at 8 o'clock.

Honorary pall bearers will be O. J. Frohnmayer, M. O. Bessonette, W. A. Graff, Sam Hersh, Jorgen Jorgensen, Ed Milne and Tony Caruso.

Active pall bearers will be T. D. Shepard, Al Nauarette, W. A. Gifford Jr., Marlin O'Malley, F. C. Hodges and Reese Alexander.

Mr. McCormick, who died as a result of a heart attack in Los Angeles Sunday, was born in Austin, Minn., on Sept. 15, 1904, and had been in the grocery business for more than 30 years. He was a member of Knights of Columbus, Eugene Rotary club, Eugene and Medford country clubs, Lane county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Lane County Chamber of Commerce and St. Mary's church in Eugene.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; three sons, Mathew and John Edward, all of Eugene, and David Lawrence, U. S. Navy, San Diego; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Pratt, Burbank, Calif.; and Mrs. Margaret Bostwick, Medford; three brothers, John, Eugene; Emmett, Washington, and Frank, in Montana; three sisters, Helen St. John, Wapato, Wash.; Elinor Wade, and Dorothy Carpenter, both in Montana.

New Snow Reported At National Park

Two inches of new snow was reported at Crater Lake National park this morning and it was still snowing at that time, according to Medford park headquarters.

Chains were advised for all cars entering the park. The south and west entrances to the rim are open, but the Rim rd. and the north and east entrances remain closed.

Des Moines, Ia. — (U.P.) — Sen. William F. Knowland, R-Calif.) says there must be no pact with the Soviet Union until its forces have been withdrawn from the satellite states of Eastern Europe.

photo by Stanley Tretick

A RELAXED IKE—Flashing his famous smile, President Eisenhower appears relaxed and in a jovial mood as he poses for photographers on the eighth floor sun terrace of Fitzsimons Hospital in Denver. He is wearing the red birthday pajamas given to him by the White House press corps. Over the left pocket in gold letters is the inscription, "Much Better, Thanks."

President Challenges Russians To Match Spirit for Peace

Denver —(U.P.)— President Eisenhower today challenged the Russians to match the "genuine spirit" for peace in which the Western proposals will be made at the Big Four ministers' meeting at Geneva.

The President chalked up another milestone in his recovery when he got out of bed unaided today and walked six or seven steps across his room to an easy chair several times.

Mr. Eisenhower also enjoyed about 45 minutes of the sundeck at Fitzsimons Army Hospital in his wheel chair and had a brief business session with Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams.

His only other visitor of the morning was George E. Allen, an old friend and onetime "court jester" of the Truman administration.

The Western proposals are designed for "increased security and well-being for all," Mr. Eisenhower said.

The President, in a statement on the eve of the Geneva conference, said he and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles thought alike on the issues to be discussed and that their ideas "reflect a genuine spirit of conciliation and accommodation."

Progress Possible

"If the Soviet Union responds in a similar spirit, much progress can be made," the President said.

Dulles arrived in Geneva today where the conference will start tomorrow. Mr. Eisenhower said it was his "personal hope" that the Russians would respond to the "spirit of Geneva" and demonstrate that the Soviet attitude marks a genuine change.

Such a change, the President said, "will actually be productive of the peaceful progress for which the whole world longs."

Evacuated Residents Return To Homes

Longmire — (U.P.) — The 100 residents of this community who were evacuated yesterday in the face of the swollen Nisqually river have returned to their homes and apparently are free—at least temporarily — from the danger of being flooded out.

Residents left town in a hurry when the raging waters threatened to break through low dikes after smashing two bridges and all but destroying two sections of the roads in and out of Longmire.

Al Rose, chief ranger in the area, said the river started to go down when dropping temperatures brought snow instead of rain to higher elevations.

Rose said the muddy waters slopped over the dikes at the peak of yesterday's danger period and for a while he said he thought the town had "had it."

Two Thefts Listed In Medford Area

Two thefts have been reported to law enforcement officials in Jackson county.

Ray James, 110 East 11th st., Medford, reported to Jackson County Sheriff's office that a five horsepower gasoline engine was stolen from the Tri Auction company, 2284 Crater Lake highway, recently. The engine, which was at the company to be sold, was valued at $350.

Harry Watson, manager of Medford hotel, reported to Medford police that an adding machine was taken from the hotel recently.

Denver — (U.P.) — The White House has announced that former President Herbert Hoover will represent President Eisenhower, convalescing from a heart attack, at Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington National cemetery in Washington Nov. 11.

Wolf Continues Murder Testimony

McMinnville — (U.P.) — Victor Laurence Wolf today testified that Mrs. Marjorie Smith took her daughter for a ride on her third birthday in a murder car wired with 12 sticks of dynamite.

Wolf, undergoing cross-examination by Bruce Spaulding, defense attorney for Mrs. Smith, told the Yamhill County Circuit court how he planted the bomb in the car while ostensibly working on a playground set for the Smith children last April 20.

The 45-year-old electrician, who told the court yesterday in detail how he and Mrs. Smith had plotted the murder of her husband, Oliver Kermit Smith, stuck to his story that he participated in the slaying to win the love of Mrs. Smith. He denied defense suggestions he "enjoyed blasting for the sake of blasting."

He said he had rejected a plan by Mrs. Smith to have a "bum" kill the Portland attorney, because then, Wolf said, he would have to kill the bum and "that would entail two killings."

Cold Air Brings Thundershower Threat

By UNITED PRESS

Cold air which followed a Pacific storm front across Oregon may result in scattered thundershowers over the northwest part of the state today, the weather bureau said.

The freezing level over Portland dropped from 11,000 feet to 4500 feet early today. The weather man said snow could be expected down to 3500 or 4000 feet with heavy flurries expected in the northern Cascades.

Minimum temperatures in the 20s were expected in central Oregon tonight and local frost is expected early tomorrow in the Willamette valley.

During the 24-hour period ending at 4:30 a.m. today, Portland had 1.13 inches of rain; Salem 1.25; Eugene .52; Medford, .77; Newport 1.46; Brookings .89, and Klamath Falls .27.

Two Men Sentenced In Circuit Court

Warren Eldridge Keller, 30, Box 101, Trail, was given a 2½-year suspended sentence in circuit court today on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Denzil Louis Dye, 46, of 116 Lincoln st., Medford, was ordered to receive psychiatric treatment at Salem. Dye is charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Washington — (U.P.) — Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators and oldest active baseball executive, remained in critical condition today.

Medford Stores Will Remain Open for Shopping Until 9 o'clock Tonight