

Five New Members Miss First UN Session

Weather

FORECAST: Cloudy with occasional light rain through Friday. Patches of valley fog Friday morning. Low tonight 36. High Friday 48-50. Temp. Highest Yesterday 56. Lowest this Morning 35. Prec. to 10 a.m. Today, Trace.

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CONGRESSMAN DEFERS TRIP TO BERLIN

Tour Made To Show American Determination

Vehicle Equipped With Radio-Telephone

Berlin — (U.P.) — A U.S. congressman toured East Berlin in a radio telephone-equipped Army sedan today in a show of American determination to retain the right of free movement throughout this divided city.

Rep. Ed Edmondson (D-Okla.), drove into the Soviet sector only after Soviet Ambassador G. A. Pushkin had rejected an Allied protest against the arrest of two congressmen under the same circumstances in East Berlin. Pushkin asserted the "sovereign" East Germans have the right to arrest Westerners for having radio and telephone equipment in vehicles.

Edmondson was accompanied by Capt. Peter Bennett, Army escort officer from Sebastopol, Calif.

Look for War Dead

Despite Pushkin's rejection of Allied insistence that four power occupation rules still apply, the Soviets suddenly decided today to allow 12 American soldiers to enter the Communist Zone of Germany to search for American war dead.

The soldiers entered peacefully and with full military courtesy extended by Russian border guards.

The Edmondson tour of East Berlin also was without incident.

"There was no trouble at all," Army authorities said.

The Army sedan entered the Communist sector at 2:30 p.m. and returned to West Berlin at 3:45 p.m., Berlin time.

Arrested by Reds

Edmondson and Bennett stopped off at the Soviet War Memorial where two other congressmen, the wife of one and their escort officer were arrested at pistol-point by East German police Nov. 27 for violating the law against using radio telephone-equipped vehicles.

The soldiers entered the Soviet zone from West Berlin in a convoy of five Army sedans and four trucks.

The Americans will split into four teams of three men each to investigate graves reported to contain American bodies in the Cottbus, Rostock, Potsdam, Megeburg, Halls and Chemnitz areas.

American authorities believe 131 American victims of World War II are buried in East Germany, most of the men fliers killed in plane crashes.

Annexation Voters Must Register Today

Deadline for registering to vote in Jan. 16 annexation elections near Medford is 5 p.m. today, according to election officials.

As many residents as possible of the two proposed annexation areas have been notified of the deadline, it was reported.

One election will be in a small area in Siskiyou Heights extension north of Verde Hills, and the other is in some 1,900 acres southwest of the city limits. It includes the Rogue Valley Country club, the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital site, and a proposed subdivision around Barneburg hill.

The registration deadline is the statutory 30 days before the election.

Uruguay President Forced To Discontinue U.S. Tour

Chicago — (U.P.) — A sudden stomach attack today forced Uruguayan President Luis Batlle Berres to discontinue his tour of the United States.

The president suffered an apparent bleeding ulcer attack at a private dinner Wednesday night and was rushed to a hospital. Doctors at Wesley Memorial Hospital said his condition was "excellent" but advised him to stay in bed for at least a few days, cutting short his 10-day-old tour of the U.S.

Sources close to the 56-year-

Eisenhower Will Miss Merry Christmas Salutes Given by People of Gettysburg

Gettysburg, Pa. — (U.P.) — The town of Gettysburg will sing a Merry Christmas salute to President Eisenhower in the town square tonight, but the President will miss his neighbors' Yuletide greetings.

Because of his doctors' orders to slow down for a while, Mr. Eisenhower is accepting no outside social invitations for the rest of this week.

Mr. Eisenhower also is keeping his work to a minimum. He planned brief conferences with his staff today but otherwise will spend his time resting and walking around his farm.

Town Square Decorated for Event

Gettysburg has decorated Lincoln Square in the center of town with a colorful Christmas scene that includes a "Santa Shanty" where St. Nicholas arrives during the evening.

The idea that the President might be a participant in the Christmas celebration started when Leroy E. Smith, vice-president of the Gettysburg Chamber of Commerce, wrote Presidential Press Secretary Hagerty on Dec. 9:

"The combined choirs of Gettysburg will

sing a Merry Christmas salute to President and Mrs. Eisenhower, the White House press secretary and his wife, and the White House press corps at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening, December 15th, in front of the Hotel Gettysburg, Lincoln Square. The salute is an expression of our appreciation for the world-wide recognition all of you have given Gettysburg."

Like Foregoes Social Season

The people of Gettysburg should not feel too badly about the President's inability to attend their celebration. After all, he has been forced, because of his illness and recuperative period, to forego the winter social season in Washington, a source of distinct pain for the diplomatic corps and many of Washington's more prominent hostesses, who pace their social plans to those of the White House.

If Gettysburg residents want to see the President any time soon, they can watch him on television Sunday afternoon. He will push a button which will light the national Christmas tree in Washington and make a short, televised talk to the country on the spirit of Christmas.

Dulles Warns NATO Of Russ Cold War In Middle East

Paris — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles warned the North Atlantic Treaty Organization today that the Soviet Union has launched a new cold war offensive in the Middle East and Asia.

In an address to the opening session of the North Atlantic Council, Dulles said the new Soviet strategy is a serious threat.

Speaking for nearly an hour to the assembled foreign, defense and treasury ministers of the 15 NATO nations gathered to review the West's military, political and economic policies in the cold war, Dulles noted that the Soviets have "the potential to act decisively."

He said the Soviets were offering both aid and technicians in the Middle East and Asia. He pointed out that Russia has huge stocks of obsolete arms to offer, even though it lacks many consumer goods.

The Dulles speech reviewed in their entirety the Soviet's zig-zags of policy for the past year.

He said the year started and ended with the cold war. He recalled that last year's annual NATO council meeting met under growing Soviet threats of what would happen if the West approved the Western European Union.

This crisis came and went, he noted. But the past 12 months, he added, had made up a "kaleidoscopic year" which posed a "lot of puzzles."

Dulles said the Soviet position became clear during the second Geneva conference of foreign ministers. At that time Moscow refused to unify Germany by free elections and rejected Western proposals for more contacts between East and West.

Coos Bay Bank Merger Approved

Washington — (U.P.) — The office of Comptroller of the Currency today announced approval of the merger of Coos Bay, Ore., National Bank and the U. S. National Bank of Portland, Ore.

The action is subject to approval by a two-thirds majority vote of stockholders of both banks. They will vote in mid-January.

The comptroller's office also announced it has denied an application by the U. S. National Bank of Portland to open a branch bank at North Bend, Ore.

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Portland — (U.P.) — A stock dividend of 34 1/2 cents per share of preferred stock has been voted by directors of Portland Transit



COMES BACK — Dr. Otto John, 46, West Germany security chief who plunged the Allied world into crisis when he went over to the East Berlin German Reds in July, 1954, has slipped back through the Iron Curtain in just as mysterious a manner. He was flown to Bonn, Germany, for questioning by intelligence agents.

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Republican Votes Predicted by Mitchell

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell predicted today that a lot of union members and other workers will vote Republican in the 1956 elections.

Mitchell told a news conference he agrees with Presidential Assistant Harold Stassen, who said yesterday that he thinks Republicans will get a large portion of the labor vote next year.

Mitchell said he also does not agree with the views of Sen. Barry M. Goldwater (R-Ariz.) that Republicans will lose labor votes because of influence exerted by union leaders on their membership.

"The working man has never had it so good," Mitchell said. "He is employed at higher wages and he is certainly going to think about the reasons for that high prosperity."

Liner Queen Mary Arrives 30 Hours Late

New York — (U.P.) — The liner Queen Mary arrived 30 hours late today after battling huge waves and high winds.

Capt. Donald W. Sorrell said the ship encountered waves 50 feet high. He said 75 miles an hour winds drove spray over the bridge, 97 feet above water level.

Portland — (U.P.) — Directors of Pope & Talbot, Inc., have announced an extra dividend of 40 cents per share of common stock.

Russia Rejects American Offer Of Surplus Food

Moscow — (U.P.) — Russia said today it has rejected an American offer to sell the Soviets surplus American farm products because the West refuses to lower its barrier on trade in strategic goods.

A statement by the Official Soviet news agency Tass confirmed that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov discussed the sale of American surplus farm products last Nov. 13 at Geneva.

But it said Molotov told Dulles it was not necessary to discuss selling farm products but rather to eliminate barriers at all international trade.

The Tass dispatch referred to the recent State Department statement "concerning trade between the USA and the Soviet Union" in which the Nov. 13 Dulles-Molotov discussion was mentioned.

Then, the Tass dispatch said of the Dulles-Molotov conversations:

"It was pointed out by the Soviet side that there was a generally recognized necessity for the development of contact between the countries, especially concerning the restoration of normal conditions in international trade, and that it was necessary to discuss not the particular case of selling farm products but about the elimination of barriers put up in recent years and the task of developing international trade specifically between the US and the USSR."

The Soviet statement pointed out Russia is trading with many countries on a "mutual basis and on the basis of mutual benefit."

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Local Girl Flown To Seattle Today

Rebecca Heisel, 12-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manville Heisel, 1808 Thomas rd., was flown to Seattle for emergency surgery early today. The flight was made in a twin Beechcraft plane recently acquired for use by Mercy Flights, Inc.

The baby girl was the 428th patient carried by the non-profit air ambulance service in the past six years. The trip left the Medford airport at 2:30 a.m. and returned at about 8 a.m. to find the airport fogged in. The plane landed at Ashland, and was to be returned to Medford later in the day when the fog lifted.

Mrs. Lester Gilman was the nurse on the trip. The little patient was taken to Seattle's Orthopedic hospital.

The pilots reported exceedingly bad weather conditions on both legs of the flight, with freezing rain in the north. The flight could not have been made with the smaller and older planes of the ambulance service.

Clerk's Office Moves Into New Annex Area

Personnel and equipment of the county clerk's office was being moved today into the adjoining office space of the new courthouse annex, according to County Clerk Bereth Hopkins.

Movement of the recorder's office from the first floor to the new quarters is awaiting completion of phone and electrical outlets, she said.

Prince Aly Khan Under Hospital Knife

Paris — (U.P.) — Prince Aly Khan was operated on today at the American Hospital in suburban Beuilly, informed sources said.

Hospital officials confirmed he was there and said he was "doing well." But they refused to describe the reported operation.

A hospital official said "I am sorry, but we cannot give any information to the press."

Taft's Brother Elected Mayor of Cincinnati

Cincinnati — (U.P.) — Charles P. Taft, elected mayor of Cincinnati by the charterite minority in City Council, today called for the body to show "imagination and gumption" in solving the city's problems.

Taft is a brother of the late senator.

Parents Urged To Keep Aspirin Out of Reach

New York — (U.P.) — The New York City Health Department today urged parents to put aspirin bottles out of the reach of their children, pointing out that aspirin overdoses caused the deaths of two New York children and the poisoning of 102 others in the last five months.



ANOTHER TURNCOAT RETURNS — American turncoat Richard Tenneson (center), who changed his mind about living in China, crosses the border into British Hongkong ending a two-week wait for his return. U. S. Red Cross Representative Richard Tomlin (left) and British Police Superintendent Al Gordon (right) escort. The ex-GI joined 22 others to choose Communism while a prisoner in Korea.

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Open House Set For Repaired Toys

Medford Lady Lions and Medford city firemen will hold an open house Friday for persons who wish to see the quantity of toys and dolls on which work has been completed for distribution to youngsters of needy families.

The open house will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the old Mason Ehrman warehouse at Third and Fir sts.

Mrs. Alan Jewett, president of the Lady Lions, said more than 300 dolls have been cleaned and repaired. Firemen have repaired and repainted 135 tricycles, 55 wagons, 28 pedal cars, 25 wheelbarrows and some 23 scooters, Assistant Chief Earl Harrison reported. In addition they have fixed up many smaller toys and games.

The women, with the aid of their Lion husbands, will sort and box Christmas gifts for the various families Sunday afternoon and Monday. Families will pick up gifts Tuesday and Wednesday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Firemen will serve coffee and Lady Lions cookies during tomorrow's open house.

The toy and doll project is undertaken annually by the firemen and Lady Lions.

Oregon's Net Farm Income \$130,500,000

Washington — (U.P.) — Oregon's net farm income for 1954 was about \$130,500,000, according to figures released today by the Agriculture Department.

The department released the figures with a report which predicted the nation's farmers would suffer an overall 10 per cent drop in income this year and that their keep-home pay next year is likely to be less.

The net farm income for Washington for 1954 was listed at \$247,400,000 and for Idaho \$99,300,000.

Portland — (U.P.) — Mrs. Madge S. Peterson, 75, retired city treasurer of Hoquiam, Wash., died in a local hospital Tuesday.

Farm Bureau Brushes Off Southern Secession Threat

Chicago — (U.P.) — The American Farm Bureau Federation today brushed aside a Southern threat of secession and tentatively approved a resolution for continuation of the administration's flexible price support program.

The annual convention of the nation's largest farm organization was expected to approve flexible supports formally later today and also to provide a unique soil bank program designed to slash farm surpluses.

Southern delegates led by H. L. Tingle, president of the George Farm Bureau, waged an unsuccessful two and one-

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Electrical Union Discloses Wage Offer

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — The Independent United Electrical Workers disclosed today it has offered to send its striking Westinghouse Electric Corp. members back to work for an immediate 3 per cent wage increase and the promise of further negotiations.

James J. Matles, UE director of organization, said the proposal had been made in negotiations several weeks ago and still was under company consideration. The six-cent an hour proposal was the same immediate increase offered by the firm prior to the walkout, but tied to a five-year contract.

Matles said the union "will not take" a five-year agreement and said the return to work offer was under the terms of the present one-year agreement.

In addition to the UE's 11,000 Westinghouse workers, 44,000 members of the International Union of Electrical workers have been on strike against the company 60 days.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 480.72 off 0.12, 20 railroads 161.00 off 0.42, 15 utilities 64.62 off 0.42 and 65 stocks 170.75 off 0.33. Sales today were about 2,260,000 shares compared with 2,670,000 yesterday.

8 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT Help Fight TB Buy Christmas Seals