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WEATHER

FORECAST — Mostly cloudy with showers of rain or rain and snow mixed and gusty winds today; partly cloudy with increasing showers Monday. Increasing cloudiness Monday night. High today 45; low tonight 28; high Monday 46-48.

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President Prepares 'Friendly' Letter To Russian Premier

Delivery Expected in Few Days by Bohlen

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower is sending Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin a "friendly" letter reported to call for a new try at East-West disarmament.

Officials said the letter also rejects for the second time Bulganin's proposal for a 20-year American-Soviet treaty of friendship.

The President's message is expected to be delivered to the Kremlin within a day or two by U. S. Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen. A delay in delivery was caused by technical transmission difficulties between Washington and the U. S. Embassy in Moscow.

Officials disclosed Friday night the heart of one President's reply to Bulganin's Feb. 1 letter was said to stress the need for disarmament progress — especially action on Mr. Eisenhower's "open skies" proposal.

The first test of the President's new plea will come later this month at a London meeting of the five-nation United Nations Disarmament subcommittee. American, Soviet, British, French and Canadian delegates will renew their marathon search for disarmament steps.

The President's letter to Bulganin will complete the second round of their current correspondence, which began with a letter from Bulganin Jan. 23.

The original Bulganin letter — delivered by Soviet Ambassador Georgi N. Zarubin — proposed the 20-year Soviet-American friendship treaty. The letter renewed correspondence between the Big Two that lagged after Mr. Eisenhower's Sept. 24 heart attack.

Oregon Politicians File for Offices

Salem — (U.P.) — Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton followed up his announcement that he would seek re-election by filing for the post late Friday.

Thornton, a Democrat, is the only candidate to file so far for the post.

George Altwater, Portland Republican, filed for United States Senator.

Peter W. Welch, Portland Republican, filed for congressman from the 3rd district (Multnomah county).

Other filings recorded by Dave O'Hara, elections chief, were: Roy R. Hewett, Salem Democrat, for delegate from the first congressional district.

Marie M. Kauffman, Wecoma Beach Republican, for delegate from the state at large.

Ed G. Boehnke, Eugene Republican, for delegate from the 2nd congressional district.

Warren A. Woodruff, Roseburg, for circuit judge, 2nd district, position No. 5.

N. A. Mike Miksche, Prineville Republican, for state senator from Crook, Jefferson, Lake and Deschutes counties.

Charles W. Binger, La Grande Republican, for senator from Union, Wallowa and Baker counties.

Kenneth B. Conroy, Prineville Republican, for representative from Crook and Jefferson counties.

John W. Hathaway, Tillamook Republican, for district attorney of Tillamook county.

Sports Bulletins

Central Point — Crater high school's District 5 A-2 basketball play-off series with Coquille here last night, nudging the Red Devils 53 to 52 on Bob Gray's goal with 25 seconds left to play.

The deciding game in the two-out-of-three series will be on Wednesday night at Central Point. The Red Devils won at Coquille Friday 66 to 62.

The score last night was tied 17 times, and the lead changed hands 15 times.

Ashland — Mallin high earned the District 5B basketball championship and a state tournament spot Saturday night by trimming St. Mary's of Medford here 56 to 34, for a second straight win in the two-out-of-three play-off. The Mustangs won 77 to 57 on Friday.

Washington 71, So. Cal. 67

Oregon 72, Wash. St. 58

Discussion Group On World Problems Slated in Medford

A community-wide discussion program centering on world problems will begin in Jackson county March 25, it was announced yesterday.

The announcement was made by Don Hansen, Medford attorney and city councilman, who is chairman of the informal and temporary committee which is planning the program. At a meeting Saturday noon, the group decided to call itself the "Great Decisions Program," committee.

Similar Programs
The program, Hansen said, is modeled on similar city-wide foreign affairs discussion programs which have proven highly successful in Portland, Corvallis, Eugene and Springfield, among other places. They also have been called "Great Decisions" programs, and are conducted in cooperation with the Foreign Policy association.

Hansen declared it is hoped to get the widest possible participation throughout the county, and pointed out that full support has been pledged by the Mail Tribune, radio stations KMED, KYJC, KBOY and television station KBES-TV.

Hansen explained the operation of the program this way: It will be an eight-week event. Each week during that period, the newspaper, the television station and the radio stations will present basic material on each of the eight questions presented for discussion, a different subject each week.

Background Information
Fact sheets, with background information and discussion subjects prepared by the Foreign Policy association, will be available to anyone interested. With this material available, the formation of discussion groups to meet weekly during the eight-week period will be encouraged and assisted.

Each discussion group will be provided with "ballots" through which it can make known to congress and the U. S. state department its views on each of the questions. (Such ballots have been shown to be influential in Washington, on the basis of results of the program when conducted elsewhere.)

The World Affairs Council of Portland, which started the "Great Decisions" program in Portland last year, won a national award for its work, and received messages of congratulations from both President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on its achievement.

The Foreign Policy association, which cooperates in providing the materials, is a non-partisan organization devoted to international studies, and has leaders in business, labor and politics in both parties among its directors.

SOC Assistance
The faculty of Southern Oregon college is assisting in preparing materials for the broadcast media, and the Medford city schools also have offered their complete cooperation in making the experimental program a success.

He added that he hopes that civic groups, private clubs, lodges, labor unions, and other organizations will serve as the starting-point for the formation of discussion groups, but he emphasized that the success of the program will depend largely on the number of interested individuals who take it upon themselves to participate.

A preliminary meeting of those interested in forming discussion groups will be held at the Medford high school library at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 24, the day before the program gets under way. It will be in the nature of a "training institute," for any considering becoming discussion group leaders.

Subjects Listed
The eight subjects selected for discussion this year, and termed the "Great Decisions" the United States is facing in world affairs, are:

What can the U.S. Do About Germany in Europe? How Can the U. S. Meet Russia's New

Challenge? What U.S. Policy for North Africa? Can the U.S. Help Peace in the Middle East? How Should the U.S. Deal With China? What Can the U.S. do About Japan's Role in Asia? Can the Bomb Be Curbed? What U.S. Problems in the New United Nations?

The subjects were chosen by a committee of nationally-known experts in foreign affairs.

As the time approaches for the start of the program, Hansen said, further details about the availability of materials, and how to start discussion groups, will be announced.

Meanwhile, he suggested that anyone interested find others who also are interested and form plans for organizing a group when the time comes.

Crew Parachutes to Safety; Disabled Tanker Crash Lands

Tacoma, Wash. — (U.P.) — Ten men parachuted from a disabled Strategic Air Command KC-97 tanker over Tacoma Saturday and the pilot then brought the fully-loaded two-decker plane in to nearby McChord Air Force base and crash landed it.

The pilot, 1st Lt. Charles Vogel of Riverside, Calif., said he brought the crippled plane and its dangerous cargo of aviation fuel into the air base because he didn't want the craft crashing into a populated area.

Outstanding Feat
Air Force officials at McChord said it was an "outstanding feat."

The Public Information office said the plane was en route to Anchorage, Alaska, from March AFB, Calif., with its load of fuel when three engines conked out over Tacoma. Vogel ordered his crew to bail out, then managed to limp into McChord field on one engine and crash land the plane.

John W. Crofts said he saw six or eight of the parachutists coming down near Center and Orchard streets in Tacoma.

One of the men who bailed out of the crippled plane was left dangling in the air when his parachute became fouled in some power lines, but police cut him free. No one was injured, police said.

The Air Force identified the other crew members as 1st Lt. Donald E. Majors, 2nd Lt. Edward R. Coogan, 2nd Sgt. Kingdon L. Laban, S. Sgt. Edward F. Turchak, T. Sgt. Dwight L. Gadberry, M. Sgt. Fred F. Smith, T. Sgt. Earl F. Taylor, Airman First Class Earnest F. Gonzales, Airman Basic Ralph R. Nordyke, and Airman Second Class Robert P. Ward.

All landed in a residential area here.

500 Attend Dedication Of New Medical School

Portland — (U.P.) — A crowd of about 500 persons gathered yesterday afternoon to hear the brief half-hour program that officially dedicated the new University of Oregon Medical School hospital. Following the dedication ceremonies, the \$6,300,000, 14-story structure was opened for public inspection.

Many state, county and local dignitaries were present, including members of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education and state legislature.

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Northwest States Hit by High Winds, Drenching Rains

Pacific Storm Fells Trees, Power Lines

By UNITED PRESS
High winds drove drenching rains against Washington and Oregon coastal areas Saturday, but in Idaho the winds drove away snow and rainfall that had threatened new snowslides in mountain areas.

Highway crews broke through to Burke, Ida., a small community isolated for 24 hours by snowslides which roared into Burke Canyon Friday. At Wallace, Ida., the slides killed a 10-year-old boy, and some families in the snow area had been evacuated from their homes in fear of additional snow descent.

A wind in the area ended the snow and rain which had fallen during the night. A National Guard howitzer was to be brought into the slide area to blast away some of the heavy snow pack.

Unpredictable Wind
Gusty, unpredictable winds reaching as high as 80 miles an hour in some spots played fast and loose with power lines throughout the Pacific Northwest. Power outages were general over the region. Trees standing in rain-softened ground toppled across high voltage lines which imperilled traffic on wet streets.

Plate glass windows in Portland were pushed in by the winds and at Walker airport between Eugene and Cottage Grove airplanes were scattered across the field and part of a hangar was blown onto Pacific highway. Traffic was blocked for 45 minutes on Highway 99E near Jennings Lodge when a large tree fell across the pavement.

Near Panic
There was near panic at Shumway junior high school in Vancouver, Wash., when a crowded gymnasium was blacked out during a basketball game.

A wind-shortened circuit set off the Vancouver air raid siren which added to the clamor of the storm until it was cut off at the main switch.

The wind was accompanied by lightning that cut the tops off three power poles carrying major transmission lines to most of Clatsop county. Pacific Power & Light company said its lines on the coast were down over a wide area.

Weather bureau estimates placed the average velocity of the wind at 60 miles an hour as it crossed the Columbia river into Oregon.

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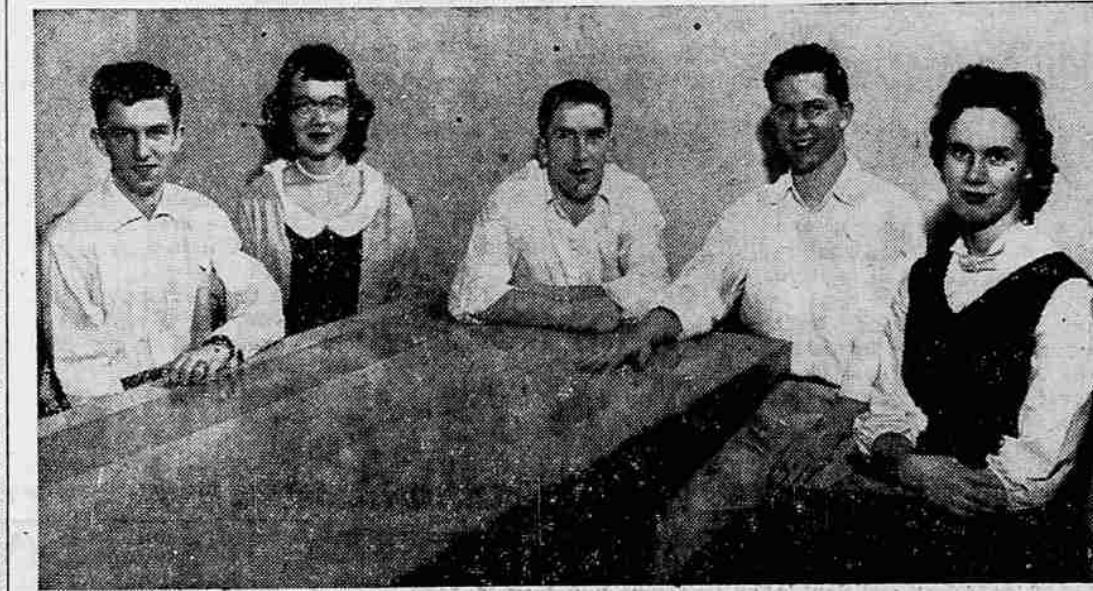
Charred Debris of Globemaster Found in Choppy North Atlantic



COUNTY OFFICERS — Jackson County Clerk Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, left, discusses Student Government Day activities with students from Eagle Point and Crater High schools who will participate in the Elks' sponsored program Monday and Tuesday. Eagle Point students, and their officers, include Lucy Gardner, city treasurer; Sandy Straus, clerk's deputy; David Woolfolk,

boys 4-H agent; and Roy Brown, coroner. Those from Crater include, Don Chitwood, juvenile officer; Grace Gail, assistant county school superintendent; and Karen Johnson, court reporter. Student officers will work with counterparts in county offices Tuesday.

—(Landis-Shangle photo)



CITY OFFICERS FROM ST. MARY'S — Five St. Mary's High school students will participate in Student Government Day activities tomorrow and Tuesday in Medford. From left to right, they are, Paul Newcomb, city treasurer; Caroline McQuigg, health nurse; Lavel Meunier, secretary to the mayor; Bill Carey, chief of

police; and Anne Metz, health nurse. Registration for SGD activities will be held between 1 and 2 p.m. tomorrow in the Elks' temple, and officers will take oaths of office at 2 p.m. Monday. (See story page 3).

—(Landis-Shangle photo)

Floods Sweep Across Germany

Frankfurt, Germany — (U.P.) — The snow and ice of Europe's worst cold wave of the century melted into floodwaters that swept across Germany Saturday, threatening bridges and homes.

U. S. Army units were alerted for emergency flood relief duty in West Germany, and the Sixth Armored Cavalry sent "watchdog" patrols out to scout the rising rivers.

More than 1,000 residents of Passau were routed out of their homes late last night as the ice-laden Danube overflowed its banks. Engineers said the situation was dangerous at the little town of Vilshofen, where two huge ice packs converged, forcing the river to spread across the lowlands.

Marketplace Flooded
The marketplace at Passau was flooded, and the water was expected to rise another six feet before morning, threatening the entire city.

Water washed the streets of medieval wine villages and lapped at the doorsteps of the American embassy in Bonn.

The Rhine, Moselle, Elbe and Danube rivers swelled menacingly as snow and ice melted in the thaw that set in after the month-long cold wave in February.

The Seattle ship flashed an SOS which was picked up by the steamer Seaborn and relayed to Globe here. It said the American Mail Lines ship broke in two forward of the bridge at 4:45 p.m. PST.

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The Washington Mail gave its location about 500 miles southwest of Sitka, Alaska.

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ruary. The cold wave claimed some 1,000 lives, but no deaths have been reported in the floods.

Some 1,000 Germans fled their homes in the Hamburg area when a North Sea storm drove ice floes into the already overloaded Elbe river.

Police and dike workers said the danger was becoming graver by the hour in many valleys.

Most of the city of Schorndorf was inundated in the central state of Baden Wurttemberg. The area at the confluence of

the Rhine and Neckar rivers was described as a "huge sea."

Ice cakes piled as high as second story windows in some river villages.

The Iron Curtain was no barrier. Officials in Communist Poland were reported worried about the danger that bridges will be crushed in the breakup of ice jams.

American soldiers joined West German crews in efforts to break the ice that acts as dams for the rushing torrents. A U. S. military helicopter stood by to drop explosives on the thick ice of the Rhine river if necessary.

Cargo Ship Breaks In Alaska Storm

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The Coast Guard reported last night the freighter SS Washington Mail, split in two during a severe North Pacific storm, sank just after a Navy rescue ship took seven passengers to safety.

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Transport Carried 17; Ships Search Area for Survivors

Plane Almost Crashed In Area Last Week

Keflavik, Iceland — (U.P.) — An international weather ship Saturday picked up charred debris in the choppy sea off Iceland where a jinxed U.S. Air Force Globemaster transport went down with 17 men aboard.

Other ships converged on the area to search for possible survivors from the C-124 cargo plane which narrowly missed a crash in the same area a week ago.

An Air Force spokesman said it is "quite likely" that the same crew was aboard the transport when it went down in the ocean as jockeyed it to safety last week with 16 persons aboard.

Air Force officials said engine icing in the bitter cold probably caused the plane to plunge into the Atlantic. Pilots said the last reports by the crew of the Globemaster indicated that engine cutouts were not the result of mechanical failure.

Making Return Trip
The blune-nosed Globemaster was making the return trip from Keflavik to Harmon Air Force Base, Newfoundland, when the pilot radioed in quick succession, that one, two, and finally three of his engines had conked out. The plane was some 240 miles out over the ocean when he sent his last message.

The international weather ship Alpha steamed to the area and fished out a bottle of oxygen of the type used aboard the lumbering Globemaster. It radioed that the yellow paint on the metal bottle showed signs of "severe burning."

The weather ship also spotted burnt plywood pieces floating in the choppy sea.

Twelve planes and three ships fanned out over the area where the debris was found to look for other wreckage and survivors.

A similar situation had developed last Saturday when the plane was enroute from Goose Bay, Labrador, to Prestwick, Scotland. The pilot radioed multiple engine failure. U.S. Air Force planes swarmed out to the Globemaster 500 miles off the Iceland coast and shepherded it safely to Keflavik.

GOP Senators Urge Bipartisan Group

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) served notice Saturday that Republican Senators are standing firm on their demand for bipartisan direction of the special committee which the Senate has set up to investigate lobbying and campaign contributions.

Organization of the eight-member committee has been held up by a political wrangle between Republicans and Democrats over the powers to be vested in the chairman, expected to be Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.).

Bridges, senior GOP member and prospective vice-chairman of the committee, has been meeting privately with Gore in an effort to work out a compromise. They were previously reported close to agreement but Bridges' statements to reporters today indicated the gulf is still pretty wide.

The Senate set up the committee of four Republicans and four Democrats in the wake of a furor during debate on the vetoed natural gas bill. Sen. Francis Case (R-S.D.) touched it off by disclosing he had turned down a \$2,500 contribution by an oil lobbyist who sought out his views on the measure.

Bridges told newsmen the new group is an evenly-divided "select" committee. "It is not a standing committee and the same type of rules are not applicable," he added.

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Van Dyke Asked to Continue Service

Gov. Elmo Smith has asked Frank J. Van Dyke, Medford, to continue serving on the Western Interstate Commission for Education, it was reported Saturday.

Van Dyke, a Medford attorney and former member of the state board of higher education, more recently has been serving as one of Oregon's three representatives on the commission. After the death of Gov. Paul L. Patterson, he submitted a "courttesy" resignation to Governor Smith, but his resignation was not accepted and he was requested to continue his service.

The commission arranges for interstate cooperation in special and technical fields of education, where training in a particular field is available only in one state.

Strike Threatens To Isolate Finland

Helsinki, Finland — (U.P.) — A two-day-old general strike almost isolated Finland from the rest of the world last night by indefinitely suspending all train, plane and bus transportation.

Only a few private bus lines continued operation in scattered communities, but strikers halted all major transportation at airports and railroad and bus terminals.

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