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Water Outlook for State Not Improved During Past Month

Snow Cover Lowest In Past 10 Years

Portland — (U.P.) — Oregon's water supply outlook has not improved over that reported last month, according to a report released Saturday by soil conservation service and Oregon agricultural experiment station.

With only one month remaining for any appreciable increase in the below normal snowpack to occur, there is little doubt that many areas in Oregon dependent upon natural stream flow will experience water shortages, the report stated.

On a statewide basis, 1957 snowcover is the lowest in the past 10 years. The only area with normal to near-normal snowcover is in the central part of northwestern Oregon.

Elsewhere, snowcover ranges from 76 per cent normal in the Powder river watershed to 25 per cent normal in Goose Lake basin. Statewide snowcover averages 67 per cent of normal.

Stored water in 21 important reservoirs is 137 per cent of the 1938-52 average. Only McKay and Cold Springs reservoirs hold less than 100 per cent of their average.

Winter precipitation according to the U.S. Weather bureau in Portland has been 79 per cent of the 15-year average.

Below average runoff for April through September is anticipated except for the Upper Klamath Lake basin where normal amounts are forecasted, the report said.

Motion to Dismiss Indictment Continued

Sacramento — (U.P.) — Federal Judge Sherill Halbert Saturday continued until March 15 a motion to dismiss a grand jury indictment against R. Drew Lamb, Astland, Ore., man charged with stealing government timber.

Lamb was indicted by the grand jury here after making the trip from his home to surrender.

The indictment charged Lamb, who owns a strip of land in Humboldt county adjacent to government land, with "willfully" removing logs from the government property.

Federal spokesmen said the major problem in the case now was to determine "when a tree becomes a log," and if logs are considered timber under state law.

Arguing the dismissal motion, Lamb was Sidney Ainsworth, an attorney from Medford.

Judge Halbert took the matter under consideration. He was expected to issue his ruling on the motion on the date set Saturday.

Remains of Six Fliers Found in New Guinea

Washington — (U.P.) — Remains of six American fliers lost in the Pacific War 14 years ago have been found by natives in the wilds of New Guinea, the Army announced Saturday.

The remains will be taken to Honolulu for examination and burial.

The six, members of the wartime Army Corps, perished during a scouting mission against the Japanese. The Army had listed the six, plus a seventh crew member whose remains apparently were not discovered, as missing in action and "presumed dead."

The tale told by the Army revealed that New Guinea natives came upon the plane wreckage about a month ago in a jungle area of the Owen Stanley mountains.

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy through Monday, with a few showers Sunday morning. High Sunday 50, low tonight 38. High Monday 50.

Our Skies Tonight: Sunrise 6:32 a.m., Sunset 4:12 p.m., Moonset Monday 3:13 a.m. VISIBLE PLANETS: Mars, setting at 1:17 p.m. in Virgo; Jupiter, rising at 7:04 p.m. in Virgo; Saturn, rising at 1:33 a.m. in Orion.

"My Dear Fellow, Why Don't You Raise Money?"



FBI Declines to Make Lie Test for Schrank

Washington — (U.P.) — The Senate Labor Rackets committee subpoenaed officials of the Bakery Workers' union Saturday to look into charges the president dipped into union funds.

Committee Counsel Robert F. Kennedy also disclosed that the FBI had declined to make a lie detector test of Portland, Ore., Mayor Terry D. Schrank's denial that he accepted a \$500 bribe from a gambler. He said he would try to arrange for the Secret Service to administer the test, possibly Monday.

Kennedy told a news conference the committee has tape recordings of conversations in the Portland case which contain so much obscenity that they cannot be played in public hearings.

Kennedy said the committee will play the "less obscene" sections in hearings on the Portland case, which resume Tuesday. If there is any question about facts contained in the dirtier portions they will be played in a closed meeting of the committee, he said.

Though it has made no announcement of the fact, the committee has been barring children from its hearings where the witnesses have included call house madams and the testimony has been replete with evidence of prostitution.

In the Bakery Workers case, Kennedy said subpoenas were issued today for President James G. Cross of the Bakery and Confectionary Workers' union; Curtis R. Sims, secretary-treasurer of the union until he was suspended Friday; and George R. Stuart, vice president and organizing director.

Portland Case: In the Portland case Kennedy said the committee will drive to wind up its hearings this week with the testimony of Clyde C. Crosby, Teamsters Union organizer for Oregon; William M. Langley, Teamsters-backed District Attorney for Multnomah county, and Frank W. Brewster, a vice president of the Teamsters union and president of its powerful 11-state Western conference.

Kennedy said the committee has about 70 hours of tape recordings made by James B. Elkins, Portland racketeer, gambler and bootlegger. He said the group will play some tapes which purportedly recorded conversations between District At-

torney Langley and Joseph P. McLaughlin and Thomas E. Maloney.

McLaughlin and Maloney, bulky men who have invoked the Fifth Amendment rather than answer committee questions, were identified by Elkins as Seattle gamblers and close friends of Brewster. He said Brewster sent them to Portland to organize the city's vice and gambling after the Teamsters back Langley's election.

U.S. to Reject Red Proposal This Week

Washington — (U.P.) — The United States, in an unusual move, Saturday told nine Middle Eastern nations it plans to reject Moscow's month-old call for a Big Four policy declaration on the critical Mideast.

Along with Britain and France, the United States this week will turn down the Soviet Union's Feb. 11 proposal as a propagandist move in direct conflict with Russian efforts to stir up trouble in the Middle East.

The State Department summoned diplomats representing Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, Sudan, Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Iraq Saturday to be informed of contents of the U.S. note. The Middle East diplomats met separately with Stewart Rockwell, acting director of the State Department office of Near Eastern affairs.

Among other things, Russia urged that the four powers pledge non-interference in affairs of Middle Eastern nations, agree to liquidate foreign bases in the region, refuse to supply arms to Middle Eastern countries, and declare that Mideast problems should be settled peacefully through negotiation.

Washington Passes Bill To Study Toll Bridge

Olympia — (U.P.) — The Washington House unanimously passed a bill Friday to allot \$150,000 for a feasibility study of a toll bridge across the Columbia river near Biggs Rapids.

Sent to the Senate, the bill would authorize the issue of revenue bonds and imposition of tolls for the project as well as repayment of study funds to the state.

Hakodate, Japan — (U.P.) — Seven persons were killed and an undetermined number of other injured Saturday when an avalanche buried a crowded miners' hut at the Imai mines near here.

Western Proposal To Split Tolls is Rejected by Egypt

Notice Served That Country Gets Money

Cairo — (U.P.) — Egypt rejected a western plan for splitting Suez Canal tolls with the International bank Saturday and served notice that all nations must pay their full dues to the Egyptian government.

Egyptian information director Abdel-Kader Hattem implied strongly that Egypt will bar passage to all ships failing to pay the full tolls to its Suez Canal authority.

The statement, as heard in London over Cairo radio, also hinted strongly that Israeli ships will be barred from the 101-mile waterway.

The Egyptian statement sharply attacking "proposals aimed at reviving the Suez canal issue," came as a new crisis threatened over whether the United Nations or Egypt will control the Gaza strip.

The U. N. announced that its trouble-shooting assistant secretary-general Ralph Bunche, was flying here Sunday to inspect the explosive Gaza strip where U.N. troops have taken over from the Israelis. Thousands of Arab refugees there have staged demonstrations demanding that Gaza return to Egypt.

Hattem announced Egypt's position on the Suez tolls just after the canal was opened to small shipping up to 300 tons. But U.N. salvage officials were still awaiting an Egyptian go-ahead to proceed with the removal of two sunken vessels that still blocked passage for larger freighters and tankers.

Comments on Plan: The Egyptian statement commented on a reported U.S., British and French plan for running the Suez canal until a final settlement is reached. Under the proposal half of the tolls would go to Egypt and half into an international bank escrow account to pay for salvage and maintenance.

The Egyptian information chief said the plan would violate the 1888 Suez canal convention which "stipulates that these tolls should be collected without exception or discrimination from all ships under the same terms."

Hail Suppression Program Planned

The Water Resources Development corporation has announced intention of operating a hail suppression program in Jackson county, starting about April 1.

The program, conducted for the Medford Pear Shippers association, is expected to end about Oct. 15. Equipment for the program includes ground-based generators using coke and silver iodide.

The Medford Pear Shippers association has sponsored this program here for several years in an effort to protect pears from damage by hail stones. While statistical proof of benefits from the program has not been claimed, local pear growers have expressed optimism that benefits will be realized.

Subcommittee Says Programs Should Stay

Washington — (U.P.) — A senate foreign relations subcommittee reported Saturday that U.S. "Point Four" programs in Latin America should be continued at present levels but that the African program should be stepped up considerably.

The findings were included in an 11-page report by a subcommittee on technical assistance programs headed by Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.). They were based on on-the-spot studies in the two continents.

Israel Seeks Support In Use of Suez Canal

Washington — (U.P.) — Israel Saturday sought U.S. support to keep Egypt from barring Israeli ships from the Suez canal.

Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban called on Acting Secretary of State Christian A. Herter to discuss Egyptian hints that it will continue to forbid Israeli ships to use the vital waterway now that it is about to be reopened.

Utilities Commissioner Supports Three Bills for More Power Over Railroads

Howard Morgan, state public utilities commissioner, supports three bills now under consideration by the state legislature which would give his office a greater regulatory power over railroads, he said Saturday.

They are Senate Bills 274 and 275, introduced by State Sen. Philip B. Lowry and State Rep. E. A. Littrell, both Medford, and others. Gov. Robert D. Holmes reported earlier that he supported them in principle, and would give his support to the specific bills if they had the approval of Commissioner Morgan.

Morgan told the Mail Tribune, "I am very much in favor of

New Doctrine Signed

Pilot Reports Fiery Object

San Juan, Puerto Rico — (U.P.) — A fiery object hurtled toward a Pan American Airways plane high over the Atlantic ocean Saturday, forcing him to take quick evasive action to avoid being hit, the pilot reported.

Four persons required hospitalization for shock and injuries suffered apparently because of the maneuver. Two of the injured were Philadelphians.

Menced Transport: Capt. Matthew A. Van Winkle said he could not identify the flaming object which menaced his transport at the halfway point on the flight from New York to San Juan.

The unidentified pilot of a Trans-Caribbean plane said he saw the object and said he believed it could have been a meteor. A Pan American spokesman said other planes on the same route saw more than one object.

A Pan American spokesman in New York said a report reaching there quoted the pilot as saying he saw an object with a very bright core and a fringe of green. The report said a check with the armed forces indicated there were no jet planes in the area at the time of the incident and that the pilots of at least seven other aircraft saw the mysterious object.

No Missile: A spokesman at Patrick Air Force base in Florida said the object "was no missile from our range."

Van Winkle said his first impression when he sighted the object was that it was a jet plane. But when it got closer, he said he noticed it was not shaped like any known jet.

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U.S. Prepared to Protect Countries of Middle East

Declaration Closes Gap in Defense Ring

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower Saturday signed his name to an historic declaration pledging that the United States is prepared to fight if necessary to protect the Middle East from Communist aggression.

Even as the president signed the Mid-East doctrine resolution, Egypt raised the prospect of new tension in the Middle East by denying Israeli ships passage through the Suez Canal. Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban called at the state department to protest.

The declaration, backed by congress and popularly known as the "Eisenhower Doctrine," closes the last major gap in U.S. defense commitments for territory surrounding Russia and Red China.

The United States, through defensive alliances or by congressional mandate, now is committed to fight should either of the two major Communist powers try to expand in almost any direction.

The North Atlantic treaty organization covers Europe and Turkey; the Middle East doctrine, the stretch from Turkey to Pakistan; and the Southeast Asian treaty organization, the area from Pakistan to the Philippines.

Formosa is covered by congressional resolution and treaty with the Nationalist Chinese, and there are separate defensive alliances with Japan and South Korea.

Mr. Eisenhower said in a 300-word statement that the declaration "is a further demonstration of the will of the American people to preserve peace and freedom in the world."

Immediate Operation: In affixing his signature, the president put into immediate operation the resolution which congress approved overwhelmingly last week after two months of debate over the exact wording.

Besides endorsing the fight-if-we-must declaration, congress authorized Mr. Eisenhower to spend up to \$200 million in already-appropriated funds for military and economic aid to bolster Middle East nations against internal Communist subversion.

In his statement to reporters, Mr. Eisenhower announced that James P. Richards, (D-S.C.) his ambassador and adviser, will leave for the Middle East Tuesday to explain the resolution's purposes to beneficiary nations.

Richards is former chairman of the house foreign affairs committee.

Cave Story Made Up By Area Youngsters

Sheriff's deputies Friday ended a two-day search for a cave in the Jacksonville area reported to contain a complete skeleton when it was learned a group of youngsters made up the whole story.

Officers received a report Wednesday that the skeleton, believed to be that of a human, had been found by Walter L. Couch of Jacksonville. Investigation showed there were lots of caves on the property, located near Highway 238 and Forest Creek rd., but none contained a skeleton.

According to deputies, the youths finally admitted making up the story to cause a little excitement.

Departments to Submit Request for Finances

Heads of the various county departments will begin presenting requests to the county budget committee for their 1957-58 budgets Monday morning.

The department heads will meet individually with the committee on an appointment basis. The entire committee will then review the proposals and begin planning the new budget. The department heads and county court held a preliminary budget meeting last month when instructions were given concerning preparation of budget proposals.

Washington — (U.P.) — House farm leaders failed during a closed door meeting Saturday to work out a compromise farm subsidy bill.

QUAKES HIT TWO AREAS

10,000 Homeless In Greece After Series of Tremors

Athens, Greece — (U.P.) — A new series of tremors rocked earth-quake - stricken central Greece Saturday as King Paul and Queen Frederika toured the stricken area reassuring the homeless residents.

An Athens newspaper claimed some 300 casualties in the quakes which hit Thessaly Friday and the continuing tremors yesterday. At least 32 tremors were registered Saturday. One was felt early yesterday in Athens, about 200 miles to the southeast.

A communique issued by the ministry of interior said one person was killed and 71 injured since the first shock hit Friday morning.

Need of Supplies: The communique reported 3,350 houses were wrecked and some 10,000 persons were homeless. It said some 20,000 persons were in desperate need of food, clothing and other supplies.

The Greek government, however, declined with thanks an offer of assistance from units of the U. S. Sixth Fleet, standing off the Greek coast. The offer was made by U. S. Ambassador George Allen shortly after news of the disaster was received here Friday.

The king and his German-born queen sped from Athens to the hard-hit Volos area aboard a Greek destroyer early Saturday. They walked among peasants huddling in the open fields to listen to their stories and offer words of encouragement.

An estimated 150,000 persons spent the cold and rainy night in the comparative safety of the open fields. Volos was one of the worst-hit areas in the earthquakes of 1953 and 1954 and local residents fled their homes in panic when the tremors hit.

Termination of U.S. Control Postponed

Washington — (U.P.) — The Senate Friday passed by voice vote and sent to the House a bill to postpone for 18 months termination of federal control over the Klamath Indians in Oregon.

The bill, introduced by Oregon Democratic Sens. Richard L. Neuberger and Wayne Morse, also would authorize the United States to pay up to \$1,100,000 to the Klamath tribe for expenses incurred in the termination.

The bill would give the tribe more time to dispose of its timber holdings so as not to flood the market all at once. It also would give the Klamath more time to decide whether to remain in the tribe after the present 1960 termination or take cash for their share of the land.

Sports Bulletins

Oregon 63, Oregon State 61

Bend — (U.P.) — Elkton defeated Echo high 65 to 40 here last night to claim the state B school basketball championship. Jefferson edged Sisters 57 to 54 for third place and Knappa downed Malin 48 to 39 for consolation honors.

Wave from Aleutian Quake Wrecks Towns

Honolulu — (U.P.) — A tidal wave, kicked off by a major earth-quake in the Aleutians, washed away two small Hawaiian villages Saturday and took at least one life, but a second quake-caused crest dissipated harmlessly in the Pacific ocean.

The first wave battered the islands with nine successive swells and then subsided before it reached the California coastline where authorities had warned of the possibility of extensive damage.

A second, and not as powerful quake, shook the Aleutians later and authorities at first feared it would trigger an even higher tidal wave.

Hardly Felt: However, the first impact of the second wave was hardly felt in Hawaii and the coast and geodetic survey said the danger was probably past.

The first quake, which registered 8.0 on the Richter scale, sent a 40-foot wall of water booming into the coastline at Scotch cape in the Aleutians and started huge swells racing across the Pacific.

The second temblor registered 7.0 in magnitude.

The Richter scale of magnitudes is a logarithmic progression of intensity that has no upper limit. The most violent quake ever recorded on the scale was 8.6 which compares with 8.25 of the San Francisco quake and the 1952 temblor in Tschachapai, Calif., which recorded 7.75.

Most of the damage caused by Saturday's first tidal wave was confined to the Island of Kauai, 96 miles north of Oahu.

Police at Kauai said the villages of Kalihiwai and Wainiha were "washed away" but did not officially report any casualties.

Another report from the island, however, said one man was believed drowned in the Hanalei river as a result of the wave.

As a precautionary measure several ships, including the Matson Line's Lurline and the Hawaiian Steamship company's Leilani, were taken out of the Honolulu harbor and rode out the swells off Diamond Head.

In California the state disaster office alerted law enforcement agencies along the 800-mile coastline to keep people off the beach and away from the highways bordering the Pacific ocean as a precaution against the wave.

However when the tidal wave reached the coast it was barely distinguishable from any other wave.

Police at Kauai said the officers were to meet the youths at the airport and escort them to the school at Woodburn. The boys were transported by plane from San Francisco to Medford. However, officers said the plane arrived early and the boys left the airport before they could be taken into custody.

Medford police arrested the youths at Court st., and McAndrews rd., and lodged them overnight in the county jail.

Greek Cypriots Stage Anniversary Strike

Nicosia, Cyprus — (U.P.) — Greek Cypriots staged a nationwide strike Saturday to mark the first anniversary of Britain's repatriation of Archbishop Makarios from the Mediterranean island colony.