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Max. (Dec. 11) — 44	Min. — 37
Precipitation last 24 hours — .00	
Air from year to date — 3.43	
Last year — 4.56	Normal — 3.41
Forecast: Mostly cloudy today and Friday with brief light rain Friday.	

By FRANK JENKINS
SENATOR FULBRIGHT, of Arkansas, today renews his proposal that President Truman resign in favor of a Republican so that in the critical two years that lie ahead of us the administration and congress may be in (party) political harmony.

He says in explanation: "My suggestion is not a reflection on anyone's integrity, patriotism or anything else. It would merely correct an obvious DEFECT in our present system which has resulted when the President is a member of one party and the majority of congress of another."

WHAT Senator Fulbright (who was educated at Oxford, in England) wants is the European parliamentary system, under which the executive head of the government and the parliamentary majority MUST be in agreement.

You will remember that under this system Churchill was OUT as premier when his party lost control of the British house of commons, even though Churchill himself was re-elected to the house.

Our constitution doesn't provide for such a system, but it could be circumvented at the present moment if Truman would appoint a REPUBLICAN secretary of state (next in the line of succession) and then resign as President.

IT is true that the European system gets quick action when a landslide change of public opinion occurs, whereas our system tends to move more slowly, but when we compare the two systems over a century or more and judge them by RESULTS ours certainly stands up better.

That is to say, we wouldn't be willing to trade what our system has produced for us for what the European parliamentary system has produced for the people of Europe. "The proof of the pudding is the eating thereof," and this writer flatly prefers the American pudding.

ONE trouble with our system is that it has been PERVERTED from the ideal of the Founding Fathers, who were seeking an arrangement of checks and balances that would protect the people from the dangers that arise when too much power remains in too few hands too long.

The Founding Fathers wanted a congress to MAKE the laws, a President to see that the laws were carried out and courts to interpret the laws when differences as to their meaning arose. Their idea was that each would be a check on the other so that too much power would NOT remain in one set of hands too long.

It was a wise idea, but its purpose can be more or less defeated by the idea of a STRONG President. A "strong" President is one who enforces his ideas on congress, so that the executive really makes the laws as well as administering them. We have had instances (one of them very recent) when a "strong" President has succeeded in dominating the courts, as well as congress.

When that happens, too much power gets into one set of hands (the very thing the Founding Fathers sought to prevent) and (Continued on Page 11, Column 2)

Search Still On For Missing Marine Plane

SEATTLE, Dec. 12 (AP)—A missing marine corps transport plane with 32 men aboard may have crashed on Nisqually glacier on Mount Rainier somewhere above the 8000-foot elevation in a blinding snowstorm late Tuesday. Lt. Cmdr. R. M. Finley, coast guard officer directing search efforts, said today from Longmire, in Mount Rainier national park.

With a ceiling down to 3000 feet, an air search of the mountain slopes was impossible, he said, but he planned to go with rangers on up the mountain to Paradise valley, at the 5500-foot elevation to be on the ground when weather clears. His party spent all day yesterday in the Toledo and Randle areas south of the mountain.

"We've consolidated all reports of rangers and various people who heard a plane overhead late Tuesday afternoon, and have traced its course right to Mount Rainier," he said.

"By checking the height of peaks it passed and determining it was not heard north of the mountain, we've just about decided it should be on Nisqually glacier, somewhere above 8000 feet."

Last Report
The last report of the plane being heard was made by a ranger at Paradise valley, about a half mile east of the several-mile-long glacier coursing down Rainier's lofty snow-clad sides, Finley said.

The weather around the mountain was "foul" late Tuesday when the San Diego-Seattle bound transport, nearing the end of its planned non-stop flight, radioed its last position report to the Toledo range station about 40 miles southwest of Mount Rainier.

Meantime, a veteran six-man mountain climbing group, headed by Fred Beckey, Bob Mulhall and Mel Borgersen, volunteered here to lead a rescue expedition if the plane is found on Mount Rainier. Beckey has climbed some of the most jagged peaks on the continent.

Rainier National Park Supt. John C. Preston said at Longmire that he and four rangers distinctly heard a plane about 4:15 p. m. Tuesday afternoon, a few minutes after the plane's last radio message was picked up by a Toledo range station some 40 miles to the southwest.

Torrential Rain
"A torrential rain was coming down, but the sound of the engine was quite clear," Preston said. "We were holding a conference and one of the men said he thought at first it was a truck. But I was in the air service in World War I and knew it was an airplane."

They could not estimate the direction it was flying. It might have been quite low, he said, but a ranger at Paradise valley, at an elevation about 2500 feet higher up the mountain, also reported hearing it about the same time.

After visiting the Malin city jail Wednesday morning, the grand jury continued its probe of police installations by taking a look at the Klamath Falls city jail late yesterday afternoon, going through the city lockup and police station.

The jury was instructed to investigate the jails and to probe for allegations of prisoner-beatings and false arrests made by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg.

This morning the jury left the courthouse, in company with a bailiff, for an undisclosed destination, presumably to inspect other city or county facilities.

Annual Inspection
For many years past grand juries have looked into conditions at the city jail and have always recommended that the lockup be condemned, and it is expected that the current jury will include a similar recommendation in its report. The city and county have elaborate plans for a new jail building and have budgeted the money to pay for it, but struck a snag when the civilian production administration vetoed a request for a building permit and priorities.

Also understood to be on the jury's list of business today is a consideration of the gunshot death of Delbert Manuel Chandler, who was killed at Big Rock on the Green Springs highway Thanksgiving Day. Two witnesses to the shooting, Delbert (Dink) Lane and Frank Lockwood, are serving 30-day county jail sentences on hunting license charges.

Two automobile accidents, one at the Malin-Tulelake 'Y' and one on the Ashland highway, in which two persons were killed are also believed to be before the jury for study.

There is little chance that the jury will make its report before tomorrow.

Grand Jury Looks Over City Jail

GI-Fraulein Marriage OK Starts Row

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 12 (AP)—American women now living in Germany differ decidedly in their views on the newly authorized GI-fraulein marriages, while some German girls favor caution in exercising the privilege.

"I don't like it at all," a WAC sergeant said when informed at a Red Cross club of the decision yesterday by U. S. army theater headquarters to permit soldiers about to return home to marry German girls.

She did not give her name, commenting that "the things I'd like to say about American soldiers marrying Germans shouldn't be quoted in print."

"I don't think it should be done," said WAC Cpl. Blanche Barrington, of Carlbad, N. M. "A lot of German women will take advantage of GIs and use marriage as an excuse to get into the states."

Several soldiers — and some frauleins — also emphasized that German girls now might use marriage to Americans as a means of escaping from war-torn Germany.

Lt. Lucille Rigs, an American nurse of Medford, Ore., said she believed many German girls would prove excellent wives, adding: "I have met war brides of many nationalities, and these German girls impress me in comparison with the girls of other countries."

Airborne Cat Arrives Here
One of United Air Lines' enthusiastic passengers this week was "Little Beaver," a San Francisco-Klamath Falls bound cat who was making his first trip by air.

"Little Beaver" belongs to Champ Houston, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Houston, who have returned here from San Francisco to make their home. They are residing on Halsey street.

According to United Air Lines, there have been frequent shipments of animals from Klamath Falls and also to this destination. The animals are put in the cargo pit forward where the temperature is much warmer than in the regular cargo pit. Just recently a bull pup left here for the south and a cat was shipped to Klamath Falls, the animal forgotten in the rush and sent on to Bend in the northbound flight, and then returned here. Inasmuch as its new owners were residents of Tulelake it was necessary for the pet to frisk around the offices for a few days.

Bulldozer Erases Dump
A gentle hint dropped by members of the Klamath County chamber of commerce board of directors Wednesday, brought immediate action and thereby a more attractive north entrance to the city.

That section along highway 97 just north of town and across from Pelican Bay Lumber company property has long been used as a dump and refuse ground and motorists coming into town have been greeted by a great collection of rusty cans and other junk. H. D. Mortenson, head of Pelican Bay Lumber company, said he'd do something about it and he did.

By late Thursday a crew and bulldozer had swept all the debris out of sight and late today not a can was catching the gleam of the setting sun.

UN Passes First Half Of Arms Bill

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP)—A United Nations sub-committee with an unexpected burst of speed quickly approved the first half of a draft plan on world arms reduction today after voting two amendments.

The new provisions injected into the arms plan:

1. Added a requirement that any program adopted by the security council must be approved by a special session of the 54-nation general assembly in addition to a stipulation already accepted that it must be ratified by individual U. N. member states.

2. Laid down a specific condition that any arms reduction program must provide for the control of atomic energy "to the extent necessary to ensure its use only for peaceful purposes."

Both provisions were offered by Canada and accepted with little opposition, the first by a 10 to 9 vote and the second unanimously.

Meanwhile, the general assembly in plenary session debated a resolution, already approved by the 54-nation political committee, recommending that all member states immediately recall their ambassadors and ministers from Franco Spain.

Polish Delegate Oscar Lange sought to have the Spanish debate postponed because of light attendance at the session but was voted down 21 to 18.

The sub-committee on arms reduction drove ahead with its work as Assembly President Paul-Henry Spaak of Belgium announced he was prepared to stay in New York "until Christmas, 1948" if necessary to break the stalemate over the arms reduction and troop census plans.

Sheet Metal Meeting Held
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"We are trying to bring the wage scale to the same level throughout the northwest and these levels are based on government statistics in accordance with the rise in costs of living," he concluded.

Journeymen sheet metal workers are scheduled to meet tonight, Thursday, at the Labor Temple and a statement will be made following that session, it is understood.

Strikes Delay End Of War Emergency

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—If it hadn't been for strikes, President Truman said today, it would have been possible to end the war emergency before now.

The chief executive made the flat statement, without elaboration, during questioning at a news conference in which he announced a revamping of war agencies and disclosed he intends to send three separate messages to the new republican-controlled congress.

The subject was brought up by a reporter who asked when the president might recommend termination in the war emergency. He declined to speculate, but observed that it could have been done before this if strikes had not interrupted re-conversion.

Many of the executive powers now held by the president will cease with the conclusion of the war emergency.

The chief executive gave only a bare outline of his forthcoming messages to congress and declined to talk about the outlook for any reduction in taxes. Some republican leaders have advocated a tax cut, while democratic legislative chieftains have insisted that the public debt should be paid first.

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Warm Weather Brings New Flood Danger

By The Associated Press
A warning that higher floods than any of the past two days will surge across western Washington within the next 24 to 30 hours was issued today by Thomas E. Jermin, supervising forecaster for the Seattle weather bureau.

Heavy rainfall is combining with a dangerous snow melt in the mountains to deluge this area with its worst floods since December, 1933.

Rivers reached their crests early last night but were receding slowly and today's rain will raise them again," Jermin said.

"I would advise residents of Kent and other communities to take advantage of a slight let-up expected this afternoon to prepare their homes for higher water," Jermin said.

"Everything points to renewed floods of greater intensity, especially threatening."

More than 200 families had been evacuated from farms to higher ground in Auburn early today as sheriff's cars moved rescue operations to Kent ahead of the crest of the worst flood to hit western Washington since 1934.

Six Feet Deep
Flood waters were reported within two blocks of the heart of Kent and were said to be six feet deep at one place on the outskirts. Water was reported within six inches of the top of a dike, south of Kent, protecting the west valley road.

The state patrol said a bridge between Eatonville and Alder was cut off by the Mashel river flash flood which earlier had knocked out a concrete structure on the Tacoma-Mount Rainier road near Enumclaw. Highway 5E between Orting and Buckley and Orting and Electron was reported under water. The Mashel river also was said to be receding.

State secondary Highways 5K and 5L, closed yesterday, were reopened to one-way traffic last night.

The St. Helen's bridge on highway 1R between Castlerock and Spirit lake also was reported washed out, and one-way traffic restrictions were in effect in places along highway 5H, between Mary's Corner and Packwood. The Cora bridge, on the same route, was reported in hazardous condition.

No loss of life was reported but property damage was believed to run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Many farm families along the east valley road to Kent refused offers to take them into Kent although dozens of homes were found flooded by King county deputies and soldiers from amphibious truck company 458 from Fort Lewis.

One duck with Lt. Herbert Wells and State Patrolman Dan Weston in charge rescued five children a few miles out of Kent and the turned back for six more youngsters.

Christmas Card But Not Merry
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 12 (AP)—The Christmas card received by State's Attorney John W. Curran wasn't as much of a holiday message as he thought.

The card was postmarked from the state penitentiary and bore the legend "having a very dull time. Wish you were here."

It was signed by a man who can thank the prosecutor for his 10 year lease on his quarters.

Eight Die In Flaming Tenement
NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP)—At least eight persons were dead and 38 others, including children, were believed buried under tons of debris following a five-alarm fire early today in an abandoned ice house on Manhattan's upper west side, which caused a five-story wall to collapse, crumpling an adjoining tenement building.

Police and firemen, digging frantically against time, removed four bodies from the wreckage and said they had sighted four more. Nearby hospitals admitted more than a score of injured. Ambulances were rushed to the scene and a first aid station was set up.

Fire Marshall Thomas P. Brophy said the cause of the fire was not known. A small rubbish fire had been extinguished the day before in the ice plant, located at 484 West 184th street.

The pile of debris from the tenement building was as high as the second story. One portion of the tenement was flattened, the other wrecked by the force of the collapse.

Blood plasma units were available at the scene. Priests from a nearby parish clambered over the debris to administer last rites as two derricks bit into the wreckage.

Police pulled from the wreckage Joseph Poper Jr., 9 years old. He had cried and shouted until help reached him. He said his brother and sister still were trapped.



Klamath Falls shops were well populated by Christmas customers Wednesday and not a small percentage were children in the below teen-age category. (1) Seven-year-old Linda Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thomas, 434 Michigan avenue, looks with adoration at a Christmas tree doll which she hopes



Santa Claus will leave for her on December 25. Linda was shopping Wednesday with her grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Luscombe. (2) Snapped on Main street were two busy shoppers, getting their buying done without assistance from oldsters. They are Carlos Hauck, 9, and his little sister, Julie Ann, 4,



children of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hauck, 1402 E. Main. (3) A well filled candy jar, heaped with holiday goodies, intrigues these two young shoppers, Gilbert Johnston, 12, (left) and Doorvin Ericks, also 12. Gilbert is a sixth grader at Mills and son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Johnston, 243 1/2 E. Main, and his companion and fellow student is the son of Mrs. Beasie Ericks, 2131 Oak.



(4) Books appeal to this youthful pair, Deanna Vincse, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vincse, 1402 E. Main, and Delores Houck, 10, daughter of the H. H. Houcks. It looks like a big shopping day for the Hauck family with three of the children snapped by The Herald and News photographer at separate hours of the day.