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WEATHER
Max. (Mar. 27) 36 Min. 27
Precipitation last 24 hours 0.15
Precipitation for 24 hours ending 6:15
Last year 11.08 Normal 9.01
Forecast: Cloudy today with
showers tonight; partly cloudy
Saturday.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Senate Deadlocked Over Log Tax

Marshall Asks Speed On Treaty

MOSCOW, March 28 (AP)—U. S. Secretary of State Marshall proposed to the council of foreign ministers tonight a drastic three-point streamlining of its work on current German peace treaty problems with an April 2 deadline for completing the job.

The speedup proposal met a generally favorable response from the other three ministers.

Austria Deadlock
The council, meanwhile, failed completely to break the deadlock on German assets in Austria, thus dimming the prospects for completing an Austrian treaty here.

The Russians have begun a bargaining drive in the conference to get reparations from current German production. It was learned that the United States and Britain thus far are standing against a proposed compromise.

Iran served notice today, through Ambassador Prince Mozaffar Firouz, that she would claim reparations from Germany at the peace conference for war damages listed at \$3,955,000,000. While Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov made clear from the start that continuing reparations is the most important Russian requirement in any German economic settlement, the situation had developed into a demand and counter-demand situation until an all-night session of the Big Four council's coordinating committee last night caused all the powers to begin playing some of their highest cards.

The ministers' deputies, meanwhile, made some slight progress toward clearing up disputed provisions of the Austrian treaty. The deputies agreed to five technical and relatively minor points, decided they could not agree on four others, and received an Austrian political committee report on displaced persons.

First Timber Auction Spot Set
PORTLAND, Ore., March 28 (AP)—The U. S. forest service's first experiment in auctioning timber instead of selling it under sealed bids will be made May 5.

The auction, on 76,187,000 board feet of timber on the Willame creek watershed near Packwood, Wash., will be held here.

Auto Union Called Red
WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP)—Gov. Kim Sigler, Michigan, testified today that three high officials of the CIO United Auto Workers union are "captives of the communist party of the United States."

He listed them to the house committee on un-American activities as follows:
"R. J. Thomas, former president and now vice president of the union; George Addes, secretary-treasurer; and Richard P. Leonard, national director of the Ford department."

Sigler said "they follow the communist party lines in union activities."

For months, the governor said, there has been a "terrific struggle" for control of the CIO-UAW in Detroit between communists and good loyal American citizens.

Repentent Thief Returns Locket
PHILADELPHIA, March 28 (AP)—Because the thief had a conscience, although a long-smouldering one, a \$125 cameo locket stolen eight years ago was back in possession of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martin today.

Martin noted a small paper bag tied to the knob of his front door. Inside was the locket, a family heirloom, intact except for a small gold cross which had hung from the cameo.

In the bag was an unsigned note saying, "I am sorry."

VA Press Agents To Be Tossed Out
WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP)—The house appropriations committee struck pay dirt today in its drive to cut down on the number of government press agents.

It recommended a reduction of 181 public relations employees in the veterans' administration. The committee reported to the house the VA has boosted the number of public relations workers from eight to 281 in 18 months and declared the increase "cannot be justified."

PINE ORDERS DROP
PORTLAND, March 28 (AP)—Western pine orders dropped in the week ended March 22, but shipments and production increased, the Western Pine association reported today.

A Curve Was His Undoing



The driver walked away from this mass of wreckage which piled up on a Lakeshore drive curve about a half mile beyond Moore park at 2:30 o'clock this morning. At a late hour he had not returned to claim the coupe which carries Oregon license No. 395-522. The operator of the car, alone in the machine, was traveling at a high rate of speed toward Klamath Falls when it failed to make a curve where four cars have been wrecked within the past several months. Lakeshore residents observed. Folks that live along the drive said today they would ask further protection than warning signs on the curving stretch.

Gunman Gets \$3500 In Theft

SPOKANE, March 28 (AP)—A lone bandit who threatened a teller with a note written on a telegraph blank staged a hold-up at the Washington Trust company this morning and made off with \$3500.

The teller, Ruth Cottingham, said the man approached her cage, carrying a hand in his pocket as if he had a gun, and shoved through the cage a note reading:

"You are as good as dead if you don't give me your money."

The woman said he instructed her to put the money into a bag and then warned her to go to the back of the cage and stay there until he was outside.

As soon as he left, she said, she tripped the alarm.

Police were unable to determine immediately how the bandit escaped.

The man's only disguise was a set of colored spectacles.

Group Slates Mine Probe
WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP)—Senator Butler (R-Neb.), chairman of the senate public lands committee, appointed a special committee today to investigate the mine disaster at Centralia, Ill., in which 111 men are dead or missing.

Members of the special committee are: Senators Cordon (R-Ore.), chairman; Dworshak (R-Idaho) and O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.).

"The investigation will be vigorously conducted, beginning immediately and a report made to the senate at the earliest possible date," Butler said in a statement.

Homesteaders Meet Soil Heads
Tulelake homesteaders who are already turning the soil on the units acquired in the big drawing last December 16, have been advised that on April 7, at 1 p. m., at Newell, four Modoc county agricultural officials will be available for information purposes.

Present will be, John C. Hays, Modoc county agricultural agent; Oran V. Commons, secretary of the agricultural conservation association; Tom Briles, Modoc county agricultural commissioner, and Traver W. Goethe, supervisor of the farmers home administration.

Terrorists Blast Pipeline In Haifa; Oil Fires Rage

JERUSALEM, March 28 (AP)—British officials said today five Jews had blown up an oil pipeline in the Haifa dock district, setting off a fire that raged through extensive oil and benzene installations.

The announcement said the Jews, dressed as Arabs and armed with revolvers, forced their way through heavy defenses of the oil dock area at 9:05 a. m. and placed small charges of explosives under the pipeline in several places.

They tried to flee in a small truck, the report said, but were turned back and then attempted to scatter and escape afoot. Several suspects were rounded up for questioning, but police declined to say whether any were connected with the blasts.

Inhabitants of Haifa, a major Palestine port on the Mediterranean northwest of Jerusalem, told of hearing two heavy explosions.

The fire started by the blasts spread to nearby oil and benzene tanks of the Shell Oil company. Police, navy and oil company fire brigades struggled for more than an hour to bring the blaze under control.

A smoke pall spread over the city. The sight of this and the sound of the explosions and of vehicles racing through the streets spread excitement through Haifa, but no curfew was imposed.

Haifa is the terminus of the Iraq Petroleum company's 800-mile pipeline which carries oil from the Kirkuk fields in north-eastern Iraq.

Gas Tax Hike Voted Down
SACRAMENTO, March 28 (AP)—The California assembly today was on record, at least temporarily, as against raising the state's 2-cent gasoline tax to help finance a \$280,000,000 long range highway program.

It so indicated by a 47 to 30 vote in committee of the whole as the climax to a rousing and at times tumultuous session late yesterday.

Further, by a voice vote the assembly overrode Governor Warren's objections to attaching a rider to the Collier road development measure requiring the state to pay half the costs of removing or relocating pipe lines or other facilities of public utilities to make way for expressway or freeways.

Four technical amendments were adopted also.

But Speaker Sam L. Collins ruled none of the amendments are yet in the superhighway bill. It will be necessary, he said, to take them up separately for a vote on third reading.

Brass Cuspidor Loses Battle
SEATTLE, March 28 (AP)—The brass cuspidor today appeared to be headed toward the same fate as the cigar store Indian.

It soon will disappear from 140 Seattle office buildings. Stamped as an intolerable nuisance in an agreement between the Building Owners and Managers association and the Building Service Employees union, the spittoons will be placed on the banned list effective April 1.

Business Agent William Ziegner said he "supposed" the union would make an allowance for the confirmed tobacco chever.

Salem Solon Reverses On Second Vote

SALEM, March 28 (AP)—Possibility that the Oregon legislature would adopt a comprehensive reforestation program almost disappeared today as the senate seemed hopelessly deadlocked over Governor Earl Snell's house-approved bill to set up a \$500,000 annual forestry conservation and research fund by levying a tax of 10 cents per thousand feet on all timber cut in the state.

Senate Split 15-15
The upper house stands 15-15 on the measure, and the governor's forces were faced with the task of finding another vote before the bill comes up for final consideration today.

The senate passed it 16 to 14 two days ago, but yesterday the opponents succeeded in getting it reconsidered. Then the senators lined up 15-15 on a motion to kill the bill.

Sen. Allan Carson, Salem, who had consistently voted with the supporters of the measure, was the man who changed over to the opposition. He explained he had decided the bill is unconstitutional, although Attorney General George Neuner said it is constitutional.

Opponents of the bill charged that Governor Snell has been putting tremendous pressure on the senators to vote for his bill, and the supporters of the measure say that the timber companies, who think the general public should pay the reforestation costs, have been applying pressure to kill it.

78 Known Dead In Mine Blast
CENTRALIA, Ill., March 28 (AP)—Rescue workers, chancing injury and possible death themselves, found the bodies of 11 more dead in the Central Coal company's mine No. 5 today and the toll of Tuesday's explosion advanced toward the predicted 111.

Exploration of the long subterranean corridors was expected to be completed today but no one save knifolk clinging desperately to their hopes believed a single survivor would be found in the debris.

Several hours were expected to lapse before the 11 bodies found today could be moved to the shaft and brought to the surface for identification. Meanwhile, 18 of the 32 corpses removed last night and early today were identified.

The new dead placed at 78 the number of known dead, 53 of whom have been identified and brought to the surface and of the remainder of 142 men in the mine at the time of the blast 33 remained unaccounted for and 31 were rescued.

ATC Plane On Last Leg Of Trip
WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP)—The air transport command reported that a C-54 plane left Adak in the Aleutians at 4:32 a. m. (EST) today on the last leg of a survey flight over the great circle route to Tokyo. It was scheduled to arrive at the Japanese capital in about 12 hours.

ATC said it contemplated regular services along the 5700-mile northern route from San Francisco to Tokyo, to replace the present 8000-mile run by way of Hawaii.

The survey flight is being made to check weather, communications and navigation aids. It reached Adak late yesterday.

Food Rioters In Germany Stone British Buildings
DUESSELDORF, Germany, March 28 (AP)—Germans in a crowd of about 100,000 stoned British-occupied buildings and attacked British military cars today in a two-hour demonstration over food shortages. It was the most violent manifestation of unrest in the Ruhr since the occupation began, and the biggest rally since Hitler.

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The city sewer department said sewers overflowed at 20 street intersections.

A cave-in on one street damaged an automobile driven into it. Half an inch of rain fell between 10:30 p. m. and midnight.

Ousted



L. E. (Jap) Haskell, whose ouster as director of athletics at the University of Oklahoma was announced, says he was "fired because I exceeded the athletic budget to give . . . a winning athletic program." Haskell said he exceeded the budget in some cases because of orders from the university president.

Wagner Case Appeal Eyed

Immediately after a verdict of guilty was returned in the case of State of Oregon vs. Verne L. Wagner, former city police officer charged with assault, armed with a dangerous weapon, in circuit court Thursday afternoon, Defense Attorney Herbert P. Welch of Lakeview announced his intention of appeal.

The 12-man jury filed back into the circuit courtroom at 2:46 yesterday afternoon and Jury Foreman G. K. Van Riper handed the verdict to Judge Charles H. Combs of Lakeview. After reading the verdict to the court, Judge Combs asked Welch if he wished the jury polled. Welch answered "Yes," and it was found that the verdict was unanimous.

Judge Combs then set the time for sentencing at 4 p. m., April 3.

Assault, armed with a dangerous weapon carries with it a sentence of from one to 10 years in the state penitentiary, one month to one year in the county jail, or a fine of from \$100 to \$1000, depending upon the decision of the judge.

Wagner was accused in a grand jury indictment of beating with a pistol, Bob Lloyd Farris while Farris was in his custody at the city police station last April. The grand jury had returned the indictment on the instructions of Judge David R. Vandenberg to investigate allegations of police brutality in the county.

Wagner's attorney based his arguments upon a plea of self-defense. The principal witness for the state was State Police Officer William J. Colbert who was in the room with Wagner and Farris at the time of the beating.

Indians Demand New Camp Sites
THE DALLES, Ore., March 28 (AP)—Indians were on the way today to replacing new campsites to replace their ancient grounds flooded by the lake at Bonneville dam.

Sixty tribesmen, called to testify at an army engineers' hearing, suggested six locations for the new camps. The engineers said the \$50,000 available for the work might not cover that many.

Indian spokesmen said the government had promised to provide sites with the same facilities as the flooded ones. That would demand level ground, with fish drying racks and water supplies, they said.

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Quiet Reigns In Milk Strike
AMITE, Fla., March 28 (AP)—A curious quiet reigned here today, transforming what had been the storm center of a rough-and-ready dairymen's strike into just another sleepy little Louisiana town.

In the small hours of the morning a human road block consisting of 20 or 30 dairy farmers was removed from highway 51 which cuts through the heart of the downtown district. Nowhere in evidence were the gun-toting red-necked farmers who have been protesting a cut in milk prices by dumping milk cargoes from trains and trucks. The Illinois Central's train No. 1 stopped briefly at 7:10 a. m. to discharge passengers, and departed unmolested.

Meantime officials of the dairymen's union declined to explain the sudden slackening of strike activities at Amite.

Possibly of significance was the fact federal bureau of investigation agents were in town, looking into the recent stopping of trains and removal of New Orleans-bound milk.

The dairymen reported a complete breakdown of negotiations with distributors.

In The
By FRANK JENKINS
SEATTLE dispatch this morning conveys to us this startling news:
"The brass cuspidor appears to be headed toward the same fate as the cigar store Indian. It soon will disappear from 140 Seattle office buildings."

ARE we getting cultured? Apparently not. We seem to be getting merely short of time. The dispatch continues:
"Stamped as an intolerable nuisance in an agreement between the building owners and managers association and the building service employees union, the spittoons will be placed on the banned list effective April 1."

"Business Agent William Ziegner said he supposed the union would make an allowance for the confirmed tobacco chever. 'But,' he added, 'it should be a porcelain one. We are opposed to the old brass cuspidor which require so much scrubbing and polishing.'"

SO there you are. If we could afford it, we might go on indefinitely chewing tobacco and spitting in the direction of the gobboon. But when it gets TOO EXPENSIVE, we do something about it. Such is progress.

IN Washington today, Representative Angell (Oregon's Multnomah county district congressman) gets the ear of a reporter and says:
"Republicans in congress feel that taxes can be reduced if we cut out all extravagance and waste and eliminate unessential government agencies and functions."

NOTHING could be truer than that statement. But before we can translate Representative Angell's hopeful philosophy into actual tax-cutting achievement we must get together on some sort of workable definition of "extravagance and waste" and "unessential government agencies and functions."

Unfortunately we are now too much inclined to define extravagance and waste as something THE OTHER FELLOW wants, and unessential government agencies and functions as those which spend money in somebody else's district or state.

We're too much inclined to condone government extravagance if the money is to be spent in OUR town or county or state.

THIS writer has seen some mighty good, otherwise wholly sensible, chambers of commerce OK plain and outright government extravagance simply because the money was to be spent in their bailiwick. They usually explain that "if we don't get the money, somebody else will."

HERE is an interesting sidelight on communism and how it works in this country: Governor Kim Sigler, of Michigan, testifies before the house committee on un-American activities that for months there

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A. S. Dorlaque, (left), Lakeshore drive home owner, was up early this morning talking over the installation of a cesspool with Bill Pyatt. At 9 o'clock, Wes Guderian caught the two looking at a possible site for his 9 o'clock Special shot.