

NEW GERMAN PLAN PROPOSED

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WEATHER	
Max. (June 6)	81 Min. 55
Precipitation last 24 hours	.00
Normal year to date	11.28
Last year	9.51 Normal 11.79
Forecast: Partly cloudy with scattered thunder storms.	

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Volunteers Battle To Hold Dikes

By WILLIAM PHIPPS
PORTLAND, Ore., June 7 (AP)—The army today threw a fresh engineering field command against the raging Columbia river. It was a desperate attempt to hold the weakening 100-mile dike front from Portland to the Pacific.

Twenty-six officers of the army engineer corps rushed to critical points in the heavily barricaded lower valley as the great river built up pressure with its second flood wave in a week. The reinforcements, including five lieutenant colonels, flew in during the night from Fort Belvoir, Va.

Time Short
The time was short, the task huge. Prevent expansion of the flood toll by the Columbia and Fraser rivers in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Canada's British Columbia—26 dead, 52 missing, about 60,000 homeless, damage of perhaps \$140,000,000.

The new flood crest was deep into the already hard hit industrial area around Portland and Vancouver, across the Columbia in Washington. It was surging downriver, building up the current that has been grinding away the dikes since the first crest rolled down six days ago.

The weather teamed with the river. So did the sea.

Thermometers Soar
Thermometers soared to seasonal highs throughout the Northwest Sunday—90 degrees and above in the mountains where the snowpack melted fast and streamed down to add new waters to tributaries of the Columbia.

And this was the day of the season's highest tide—nine feet. It churned upriver this morning and crashed into the flood current in the critical lower river area. The collision sent the water level higher, increasing the gnawing on ever-softening levee walls.

Col. O. E. Walsh, commanding the U. S. engineer's Portland district, assigned the 26 new engineer officers to operational commands all along the front of 43 dike districts.

Troops Used
After early morning briefing, they went to the levees to relieve weary men who have directed sandbag battalions of thousands of troops and civilian volunteers in the week-long, around-the-clock struggle.

In support, the coast guard started an air patrol and put a flotilla of cutters and auxiliary craft on the turbulent stream. Radio-phone trucks maintained constant communication in the trouble zone.

U. S. River Forecaster Elmer Fisher said the Columbia crest was "within a hair" of last week's marks—30.3 feet at Vancouver, 29.95 at Portland in the Willamette river near its confluence with the Columbia.

Crest Moving
The crest is moving through the lower valley below Portland. Dangerously high waters will remain in its wake for days.

But property damage can mount tremendously.

Soft dikes in the Portland area can give way, flooding the \$43,000,000 Reynolds Metals company aluminum plant at Troutdale. Portland's municipal airport, several golf courses, many commercial gardens.

Downriver, levees are weak around Longview and Kelso in Washington. They are precarious beyond 12,000 acres of fertile farms on the Oregon side.

There have been cleared. However, there is the possibility of a few unheeding in the farmlands—like the six marooned on the second floor of a home in the Clatskanie area by yesterday's break of the small Johns dike, 50 miles up from the river mouth.

Gets Army Post



Tracy S. Voorhees (above), New York attorney, was nominated by President Truman to be assistant secretary of the army. He is shown in the Pentagon building, Washington, D. C., was an army officer in the last war. —AP wirephoto

Five Point Paper Faces Russ Battle

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON, June 7 (AP)—The face of certain Russian opposition the western powers announced today a five-point proposal for creating a separate, federal government in Western Germany.

At the same time they revealed new measures to block any future German aggression.

The agreements, results of a six-power western nation conference which ended at London a week ago, were announced simultaneously here and in Europe.

They are subject to formal acceptance by the governments of the United States, Britain, France, and the low countries and a stiff fight over them is expected at Paris.

The five steps projected for creating a federal German government are based on the expressed belief that the German people themselves should take maximum responsibility for each step.

The steps include an authorization meeting of the allied military chiefs and German heads of each Western German state, election of delegates to a constituent assembly, drafting of a constitution by the assembly, ratification of the constitution by the German people, and consideration of needed revisions in German state boundaries.

French Security
It reportedly was to meet French security fears and ease French acceptance of steps to fit Western Germany into European reconstruction that the three western powers laid down their most comprehensive agreement thus far projected for keeping Germany under control.

Another victory for the French was contained in an agreement for an international control of the Ruhr "in which United States, United Kingdom, France, Benelux countries and Germany would participate, and which does not involve the political separation of the Ruhr area from Germany."

"It does, however, contemplate control of distribution of coal, coke and steel of the Ruhr," the communiqué continued.

"In order that on the one hand industrial concentration in that area shall not become an instrument to all countries participating in a European cooperative economic program, including, of course, Germany itself."

Security Provision
On security, the official statement reported this general provision: "The United States, the United Kingdom and French delegates reiterated the firm views of their governments that there could be no any general withdrawal of their forces from Germany until the peace of Europe is secured and without prior consultation."

They also agreed that the military governors of the Western zones should create a military security board to assure continued disarmament and demilitarization in Germany.

Peace For Palestine Hopes Dim

By The Associated Press
Peace was as elusive as ever today in Palestine.

Arabs said there is no likelihood of a truce or armistice this week because the Arab league will not meet before Saturday. Whether peace indeed would ever come except through a knockout military campaign or armed intervention of the United Nations seemed in doubt.

Count Folke Bernadotte, the UN's mediator, completed his rounds of the Arab capitals and was ready to lay before both sides his interpretation of the four-week armistice terms. Both sides had accepted, but the Jews with "assumptions" and the Arabs with "explanations." Bernadotte grimly said he expects replies from both sides by Wednesday.

They were miles apart. The Jews, for instance, wanted unlimited immigration and an open road to the surrounded and besieged 90,000 Jews in modern Jerusalem. The Arabs contended any truce is meaningless if Israel continues to exist. They opposed the immigration and Jewish settlement of the "assumptions" and proposed that Israel's army be disbanded.

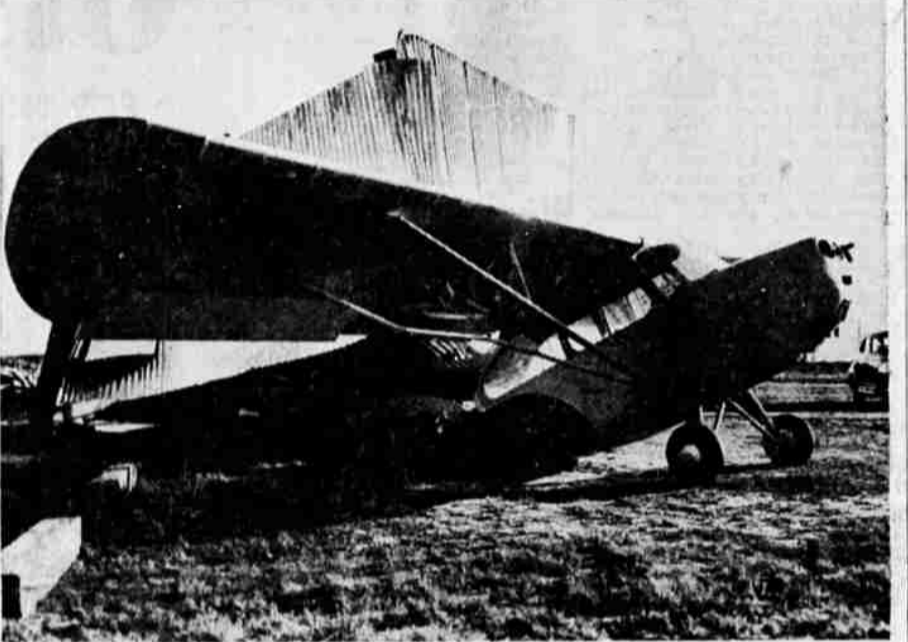
The Israel army said it trapped 1000 Egyptians at Isdud, 23 miles south of Tel Aviv, and destroyed many strongholds. Cairo countered with the assertion that Egyptian advance lines had beaten back the Jews. The force which moved up from the south originally numbered 5000 men, some in armored suits.

Of even greater potential importance was the mounting pressure Israel applied to the strategic Arab triangle headed by Talkarm, Jenin and Nabulus. The Jews said they had drawn a half circle around the triangle, which threatens Tel Aviv from the northeast.

In the north, the Syrian army got on the move and claimed some successes near the border.

One report from the Arab camps said truce negotiations appeared to be falling apart.

Gusty Wind Smacks Light Plane At Malin Hangar



This light plane, half way in the hangar at the Malin flying field southeast of town, was crushed late Saturday afternoon when a strong wind toppled the sheet metal hangar at the airport. No one was in the plane at the time. It belongs to Byron Johnson.

Wind Hits 73 MPH In Gusts Here

A 73-mile gust lasting for several minutes, followed by a 36-mile wind blowing suddenly from the south-east, whipped the Klamath basin late Saturday afternoon and covered this section with a thick, black cloud.

The CAA office at the airport reported the 73-mile gust which reached its peak at 4:08 and subsided to 20 miles per hour at 4:28.

A 36-mile wind blew for five minutes steadily starting at 4:17 p. m. It left some damage in its wake before calming down.

A few minutes earlier, at 4:13 p. m., lightning struck the California Oregon Power company installations and lines were out for hours leading into the Lakeview and Bly areas.

Blows Bushing
By a rare coincidence, lightning struck the line which runs to Bly and Lakeview and blew up a bushing on the main control switch at Texum, south of town.

Copco then called on Fall Creek, a switching station on the Klamath river, to open the incoming transmission line by way of Dorris to clear Texum. Lightning struck at Fall Creek at that moment and two transmission lines were out.

Klamath Falls and vicinity was without power from 4:13 to 4:25, but Lakeview and Bly were without electricity until 3 a. m. Sunday.

Radios Off
Both radio stations were off the air during that 15-minute period and theatre schedules were set back by the outage.

At Malin, the wind was of sufficient force to overturn a sheet metal hangar, crushing a light plane belonging to Byron Johnson. This occurred at the Malin field one half mile southeast of town. The plane was halfway in the hangar. There were no personal injuries as no one was in the plane at the time.

Copco, which reported the 36-mile wind Saturday afternoon, said a 32-mile northwest wind blew Friday morning at 10:43 a. m. but there was no damage.

Motorists who traveled the Greensprings highway late Saturday afternoon experienced a cloudburst at about 5:45 p. m. and were forced to stop their cars as the rain came in such force as to make windshield wipers virtually useless.

Valley Hit
Valley towns were whipped by high winds Saturday afternoon and littered streets with twigs and small branches.

At Lakeview there was no damage from the flash flood which hit Friday at about 8 p. m. although considerable water was reported on the streets in town.

An electrical storm broke in the Quartz Mountain area to the west of Lakeview late Saturday afternoon but Sunday "was a nice day."

Chiloquin Storm
Chiloquin felt a strong storm on Sunday, both wind, rain and hail between 4 and 5 p. m. Residents of that area said the rain fell as heavily as they had ever experienced in that part of the county. The hail was localized and in many instances damaged gardens.

At Klamath Agency hall peled the area and a Portland motorist, Harry N. Bird of 11609 NE Killekit street, had the top of his sedan ripped to ribbons by hail which he described the size of a "small bantam egg."

Mother Tells Of Shooting

VAN NUYS, Calif., June 7 (AP)—A young mother's statement that she committed a murder for which her husband was convicted was under close police scrutiny today.

Mrs. Colleen Berry, 21, wife of Harold Berry, 20, now serving a life term in San Quentin prison, signed a statement saying that she fatally shot her husband's brother, Murrill Berry, 27, last December 4.

The warden said Berry had hoped to escape prosecution by pleading innocence by reason of insanity because he had once been in Mendocino State hospital.

Det. Sgt. W. M. Fuson reported Mrs. Berry said her husband took the blame for the shooting, which occurred after a drinking party, because she had an infant child, Zelma, nearly two, to care for.

Accompanied by her husband's parents, Mrs. Berry walked into the police station and volunteered the statement. Investigators said frankly they were dubious, but would investigate.

"Ever since the murder the whole family has been bothering us, insisting that Berry is innocent," said Det. L.E.T. Johnston.

Mrs. Berry was booked on suspicion of murder.

Nebraska Demos Split

OMAHA, June 7 (AP)—Nebraska's delegation to the national democratic convention was split today, but the width of the split remained uncertain.

State Chairman William Ritchie, who complained yesterday that Iowa and Nebraska democratic leaders had "given the bum's rush" during the president's visit to Omaha Saturday, declared he has withdrawn his support of Mr. Truman for the presidential nomination.

He said a number of others in the Nebraska delegation "feel as I do." Of six others among the 12-member delegation who expressed themselves, one supported Ritchie's stand, three are solidly for the president and two were non-committal.

Clarence L. Clark of Lincoln, who was elected chairman of the delegation during a Saturday meeting in Omaha, was one of those supporting the president.

Senate Kills Proposal To Forbid Race Segregation

WASHINGTON, June 7 (AP)—The senate, pressing toward action on draft legislation, voted today a proposal to forbid race segregation in the armed services.

The roll call vote was 67 to 7.

The vote was not a direct test on how the senate feels about race segregation. Senate leaders were confronted with the prospect of a filibuster from southerners if the proposal was not sidetracked.

They are anxious to get final action on the draft measure which, in addition to the question of whether the army, navy and air as it stands, leaves to the department are to have units of mixed races.

Senator Langer (R-N. D.) offered an amendment to prohibit discrimination or segregation because of race, color or religion in assignments or induction into the armed services.

It was tabled on a motion by Chairman Gurney (R-S. D.) of the armed services committee. The motion was not debatable.

This was the first test of a set of seven Langer amendments covering most of President Truman's "civil rights" measures such as anti-lynch, anti-poll tax and anti-segregation.

Gurney told his colleagues before the vote that the two-year draft bill "is of paramount importance."

He said civil rights legislation should "stand on its own feet" and not be hooked on to the draft bill.

Eisenhower Takes Over

NEW YORK, June 7 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower today became Columbia university's 13th president—a job he hopes will be "a lot of fun."

He assumed office just four years and one day after leading the highly allied invasion of Europe. There was no ceremony. He will be formally installed in office next fall.

The general indicated to reporters he considered his civilian post an adventure during a ten-minute walk from his home to his office in the Low Memorial library.

"This time four years ago," he said, "I was visiting (Gen. Omar) Bradley, (Field Marshal Bernard) Montgomery and people along the beaches."

"After 36 years in one profession," he said, referring to his army career, "it has been a little adjustment."

"At least I had been trained for that business," he said.

Gen. Eisenhower succeeds Dr. Frank Fackenthal, who has been acting president of 194-year-old Columbia since Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler retired October 1, 1945 after 43 years as president. Dr. Butler died December 7, 1947.

PO Branch Plans Okayed

The post office department announced today approval of plans for establishing postal station No. 2 at St. Schneider variety store on South Sixth street.

Carl E. Schneider, the store's proprietor, was awarded the contract. The suburban station will begin operation on July 1. Stamp sales, money orders, parcel post, and other postal business will be transacted there, but it will not be a mail distribution center.

Station No. 1 is located at the Hendricks drug store, also on South Sixth.

Oregonian In New Building

PORTLAND, June 7 (AP)—The Oregonian's editions today were published in the newspaper's new \$4,000,000 building.

The newspaper's editorial and mechanical departments moved into the new building Saturday night and Sunday. The first editions from the new press rolled out at 10:30 last night.

The new block-square structure is to house both the newspaper and its radio station, KGW. The 14-unit Hoe presses can turn out 90,000 papers of a 56-page newspaper an hour.

Moving began early last week. Only three departments are still left in the historic brownstone building which the Oregonian had occupied for 56 years.

Indians Hit Fund Boost

WASHINGTON, June 7 (AP)—Klamath Indians of Oregon objected before a senate appropriations subcommittee Saturday to the house's providing more out of their tribal funds than the tribal council has approved.

Representatives of the tribe testified the house had increased a \$203,900 appropriation out of their tribal funds to \$213,900 at the request of a school district official who asked it to provide service to Indian children.

Glenn A. Wilkinson, an attorney, and Boyd Jackson, tribal delegate, asked that the increase be taken out of the interior department appropriation bill.

They contended the tribal council alone should have authority to say what should be appropriated from the fund. They added that it had not been consulted about the additional \$10,000.

Three Killed In Truck-Car Wreck

PORTLAND, June 7 (AP)—A car crashed into the side of a dump truck just east of Portland Saturday and killed three young bank employees.

The victims, riding together in the car, were E. Charles Carroll, 21, Gresham; Lawrence Homer Paque, Portland; and George Russo, Bridal Veil. All worked for the Gresham branch of the First National Bank of Portland.

The truck driver, Arthur B. Irvine, 53, Portland, escaped serious harm.

Woman Saves Baby Rabbits

BELLFLOWER, Calif., June 7 (AP)—When a mother rabbit with 12 young died three weeks ago Mrs. Juanita Siegle took over a 24-hour course of feeding the youngsters.

With a tiny bottle, equipped with a nipple, she fed the entire brood through the critical period. Today they're fast-growing, sturdy and able to forage for themselves.

"Well, yes, I guess you might say I saved them," admits Mrs. Siegle, "but now I'm up to my ankles in rabbits."

Pilot Killed In Plane Accident

DAYTON, Ore., June 7 (AP)—Pilot Clare A. Parker, 31, Newberg, was killed late Saturday evening when a rented plane he was flying went into a tailspin at low altitude and crashed in an orchard near here.

Yamhill county Deputy Coroner Glen C. Macy said Parker was flying out of the Newberg airport. He is survived by a wife and two children.

Solons Kill Bill For Army Training

PORTLAND, June 7 (AP)—Robert D. Dellwo, Spokane, won the Northwest zone speech contest of Toastmasters International Saturday night. Ralph S. Nohlgren, Salem, was second.

Six finalists appeared in the contest covering Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho and British Columbia.

Vanport Flood Recalls Tragic Sunday In 1903 When Heppner Was Destroyed And 247 Died

HEPPNER, Ore., June 7 (AP)—When the mighty waters of the Columbia crushed Vanport a week ago, it was not the first time an Oregon city had been virtually wiped off the map.

Willow creek did it here on an awful June afternoon 45 years ago. Heppner wasn't wholly destroyed—but 247 persons died.

Lexington, nine miles downstream, had two houses left.

Vanport's dike broke on a sunny afternoon when people were outdoors. They had a chance to get away. That is, most of them did.

Heppner never had a chance.

In late afternoon June 14, 1903—the town clock stopped at 5:16—most of the town's 1500 people were indoors having supper or getting ready for evening church services.

There was a darkening in the sky, a roll of thunder, the swift splatter of rain and hail. That drove most of the people who had been outside into the shelter of their homes.

Then there was a rolling low hollow sound that built up into a fearful resounding roar.

It was a wall of water 30 feet high, 300 yards wide, sweeping down the narrow canyon walls.

Those whose homes were in its path were swept away almost before they knew the meaning of the sound that shattered the air.

Leslie Mallock and Bruce Kelly, at the Palace hotel, saw the water, seized the first horses they came upon and lit out for Lexington.

They shouted warnings as they went.

Lexington was wiped out, but the people had time to flee.

It was a flash flood from a sudden, tremendous rain that swept down Willow creek. There had been no build-up of suspense; no chance to plan and execute an evacuation.

It was a one-hour tragedy; started and finished before the time the bells would start their call to evening worship on what had been a quiet sabbath.

Truman Reaches Idaho With Recommendation For USBR Projects; Omaha Crowd Too Small

By ERNEST B. VACCARO
ABOARD TRUMAN TRAIN EN ROUTE TO SUN VALLEY, Idaho, June 7 (AP)—President Truman entered Idaho today advocating public power and reclamation projects against what he said was the opposition of some "who would put the welfare of a few promoters over the welfare of the people."

They say about the president are true," Mr. Truman said, grinning at his audience.

He said he had been in since 5:45, looking over the scenery. He saw, among other things, a mare mithering a mule colt.

"It looks just like Missouri," he said.

He told the crowd he had just been looking over a report from the interior department on the Columbia river basin. He added he was familiar with another report on the Snake river basin.

The Snake is the home town of Senator Glenn Taylor, running for vice president on Henry Wallace's third party ticket.

As the president pushed westward with his pre-convention campaign his aides sought to strengthen their advance planning to assure maximum crowds for his appearances.

They attributed the size of Saturday night's crowd of 2000 in Omaha's 10,000-seat Ak-Sar-Ben coliseum on failure of a local arrangements committee to give full notice that the general public was invited.

This explanation also was offered by coliseum Manager J. J. Isaacson at the time of Mr. Truman's arrival for his farm policy speech. The address was under auspices of the 35th division, but not limited to its members.

Thousands of westerners greeted the president in a series of platform appearances yesterday and upwards of 5000 saw him at Cheyenne, Wyo., where he spoke last night from the steps of the executive mansion with democratic Governor Lester Hunt of Wyoming and Lee Knous of Colorado.

Mihai, Anne To Wed Thursday

ATHENS, June 7 (AP)—Ex-king Mihai of Romania and Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma arrived in Athens today and announced from the royal palace said they will be married here Thursday.

The Greek airforce band played the Romanian national anthem as Mihai and his bride-to-be stepped off a plane from Geneva into the embraces of King Paul and Queen Frederika of Greece and of Queen Helen, Mihai's mother.

The palace announcement said the wedding ceremony Thursday will be performed by Archbishop Damaskinos of the Greek orthodox church.

The only witnesses will be members of the royal families and Premier Themistokles Sophoulis, Foreign Minister Constantin Tsaldaris and Mrs. Tsaldaris.

Hospital Bills Cut Aid Fund

LA GRANDE, June 7 (AP)—Hospital bills for people on relief have used up 25 per cent of the Union county welfare commission's yearly budget.

The commission had to get a supplementary \$2000 to tide itself over this month. Paul M. Heidebrecht, welfare commission administrator, said funds have been hard pressed by an increase in welfare patients and higher hospital costs.

New Feature

Beginning on June 14, The Herald and News will inaugurate a cross-word puzzle feature. Thereafter, the puzzle will appear daily, with a solution of the previous day's brain-ticker.

The puzzle is being instituted in the paper in response to requests from many crossword fans among our readers.