



WHAT'S MONEY?—Flavina Sultana Abdul-Khan, daughter of an Iranian Shah, poses proudly with her husband, actor Paul Valentine, in New York. She wrote her father that she wouldn't trade Paul for the three-million-dollar inheritance she may lose by marrying against her father's wishes.

### Cloud Seeding Continues Despite 1951 Failures

CONDON, Ore. (AP) — Clouds over Eastern Oregon and Washington are to be seeded for rain again this year despite a meteorologist's report that last year's seeding apparently was a failure. The Tri-County Weather Research, a group of wheat farmers from Gilliam, Morrow and Sherman Counties in Eastern Oregon, voted by a narrow margin Thursday to contract for cloud-seeding for the 1952-53 season, which runs from September to June. The Tri-County organization, which paid \$50,000 for cloud-seed-

ing last year, voted to join with three other Oregon and Washington farmer groups in a single cloud-seeding operation which will cover the Tri-County area and Blue Mountain region of Oregon and Horse Heaven and Big Bend areas of Washington. Ralph Crum, lone Ore. president of the Tri-County group, said the four organizations had paid a total of \$170,000 for cloud-seeding last year. Bids for the combined areas this coming year range from \$65,000 to \$73,000, he said. Members directed the board to write the contract so that cloud-seeders would be paid on the basis of performance rather than a flat fee as last year. Robert Beaumont, Oregon State College meteorologist, earlier told the Tri-County group they did not get their money's worth last year. He said the Tri-County region got an inch less rain than could be expected in comparison with rainfall in other areas. Lewis O. Grant, research director of the Water Resources Development Corp. of Denver, the firm which did the Tri-County cloud-seeding, said unusual weather conditions prevented the normal amount of clouds from forming.

### Toll Roads May Solve Problem

SEATTLE (AP) — Toll roads may be the answer to the West's increasingly serious highway problem, 300 delegates to the 31st annual conference of the Western Association of State Highway Officials were told Thursday. William A. Bugge, association president and Washington state director of highways, said "there doesn't appear to be any good reason why we here in the Western states shouldn't consider seriously the possibilities of building toll roads." Bugge addressed the opening session of the three-day association from the 11 Western states, Alaska and Hawaii. Examples of successful toll-financed facilities, Bugge said, are the Lake Washington floating bridge here and the Narrows bridge at Tacoma, Wash. He said the West's highway troubles are more acute than in the rest of the nation because population and travel both have increased faster in this region. Bugge said that a 35 per cent increase in automobile registrations and 70 per cent increase in truck and bus registrations from 1941 to 1950.

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### Senate Okays PO Pay Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress whipped an appropriation bill through both houses Thursday and President Truman signed it, putting meaning back into the pay days of half a million postal workers. About half the money in the bill was for Post Office work done in May. The postal employees did not get their usual checks June 1 because the Post Office had run out of salary funds. This fiscal year's regular payroll appropriation was used up early, due to a general pay raise. Congress had not voted money to cover the additional pay. This is the last month of the fiscal year. The \$971,342,641 appropriated Thursday contained funds to meet the postal payroll. It also provided funds for controlling illegal immigration from Mexico. Postmaster General Donaldson immediately authorized postmasters to resume salary payments.

### Tape Fouls Noted Tenor

LIVERPOOL, Eng. (AP) — Beniamino Gigli, noted Italian tenor, offered to sing for Korea - bound British troops he met at a pier here Wednesday night just before he sailed for Canada. "But," he explained somewhat puzzled, "I am told that I cannot because of what you call 'red tape.'" One of Gigli's aides pointed out: "We haven't a Ministry of Labor permit."

### Plywood Plant May Re-Open

PORTLAND (AP) — E. O. McClintock of Portland said Thursday he had hopes of re-opening a plywood plant six miles north of Roseburg. McClintock and five others have filed articles of incorporation for the Winchester Plywood Association, listing capital stock of 300 shares at \$5,000 a share. Other incorporators named were Everett A. Fah, Portland; Clarence L. Rothrock, M. M. Rucka, Jesse W. Howard and Ray Austin, all of Roseburg. McClintock said all former employees of the Mar-Lin Timber Corporation would be offered a chance to purchase stock in the new co-operative formed to operate the plant, which has been closed since early this year. McClintock said he and Fah planned to move to Roseburg.

### House Cuts Aid Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House passed and sent to the Senate Thursday a final bill authorizing more than \$6,400,000,000 for foreign military and economic aid next year. The roll-call vote was 230 to 115. With only brief debate, the House approved the measure hammered out Tuesday in a joint Senate-House conference. Final Senate action is expected shortly. The measure represents only authorization. The actual funds remain to be voted, and much of the same debate over foreign aid may be gone over again. The authorization bill includes \$4,598,424,500 for military assistance throughout the world during the year beginning July 1. It earmarks \$1,802,288,500 for economic assistance. The total is \$1,468,750,250 less than President Truman requested.

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### AEC Sets Off 8th A-Blast

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — The eighth atomic blast of the spring series flashed across the southern Nevada sky before dawn Thursday. The detonation was touched off at the government's Yucca Flat test site at 4:55 a.m. and was clearly visible here, 65 miles from the site. The flash appeared to be more orange in color than most previous shots. Possibly this was because of clouds, which were clearly illuminated by the intense light. Shortly after the detonation, the Atomic Energy Commission announced that the shot was from a 300-foot tower and that approximately 751 mice were used in tests for radioactivity effects. The announcement did not say how close to ground zero the animals were placed. The AEC said two high explosive detonations, presumably with nitroglycerin, preceded the A-blast. The explosions were to study effects of blast waves and to determine which way they might go. If weather conditions were such that the waves from the A-blast would give this resort city a severe jolt, the AEC might have called off the shot until more favorable conditions prevailed. The familiar mushroom cloud rose from the test site and dissipated very rapidly, zig-zagging off to the northeast. No jolt was felt here.

### Tension High In Carolina Jail

RALEIGH, N. C. (AP) — Tension still hung over central prison Thursday following an uprising Wednesday in which 150 inmates held 10 prison employees as hostages while bargaining for prison reform. The rebellious prisoners won promises from prison officials that Guard Capt. W. G. Meadows would be suspended pending an investigation of prisoners' charges that he mistreated them. An investigation also was planned into their complaints they were served bad food.

### WAR CASUALTIES

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department Friday identified seven more battle casualties in Korea. A new list (No. 579) reported one killed in action and six wounded.

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