

Oregon Weather

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24 hours to 4:30 a.m. Wednesday
Max. Min. Precip.

Astoria	50	31	.01
Baker	37	13	
Bend	50	23	
Brookings	50	39	
Burns	37	13	
Chemult	42	11	
Chiloquin	50	10	
Eugene	45	28	
Lakeview	38	18	
Medford	54	29	
Newport	51	36	
North Bend	54	39	
Pendleton	48	30	
Portland A'port	49	28	
Red Bluff	64	38	
Redmond	46	20	
Roseburg	45	31	
Salem	48	27	
The Dalles	50	28	

Eastern Oregon—Mostly cloudy tonight and Thursday with scattered showers or snow flurries Thursday. Low tonight 25-35; high Thursday 40-50.

Western Oregon—Cloudy through Thursday with showers starting late tonight. Not so cold tonight with low 35-45; high Thursday 46-58. Easterly to southeasterly coastal winds 12-25 miles an hour tonight, becoming westerly to southwesterly Thursday.

Northern Oregon Beaches—A few showers Thursday. Temperature range 42-55. Southeasterly beach winds 10-25 miles an hour. Grants Pass and Vicinity—Fair with variable high cloudiness tonight. A few showers Thursday. Low tonight 35-40; high Friday 52-58.

Subscriber Income Told

PORTLAND (AP)—The Blue Cross of Oregon Tuesday reported subscriber income of \$9,251,954 for 1959.

Claims for hospital-surgical-medical care totaled \$8,128,490. Executive director F. F. Dickson told the organization's annual meeting here.

Dickson said there now are 252,050 members of the Blue Cross of Oregon, which embraces all of the state and Clark County, Wash. At the meeting, these four new trustees were elected: Dr. Roger Keane of Portland, E. R. Pooley of Hood River, Otto Frohnmayer of Medford and John M. Fulton of Portland.

Board members re-elected included Fred Morris of Cottage Grove and Irwin Wedel of Salem. E. B. MacNaughton of Portland was re-elected president.

Cupid's legendary home is St. Hilarion, a castle on the island of Cyprus. It was built in 1223.

U.S. Space, Missile, Defense Effort Given Careful Appraisal By Writer

By CHARLES CORDDRY
WASHINGTON (UPI)—The United States lags behind Russia in the missile and space race by choice—in fact, by default.

This country has the ingredients for dizzying progress if it wants to use them.

It has know-how in abundance. And it has created a broad space-age scientific and production base through a multi-billion dollar investment in rocketry over the past six years.

How fast America's present dramatic advances in science and technology are put to practical use in the space-missile field will depend on money limits and political judgments on what is needed.

There appears to be no limit on what could be spent. These are conclusions gained in a 6,000-mile tour covering some major research and production centers in the missile-space vehicle field. The tour moved through a world seldom seen by any but its own military, science and industry inhabitants—a world of wind tunnels, rocket test stands, electronic computers, production lines and space medicine laboratories.

Sample comments from officials interviewed:

D. A. Young, former head of the space technology program for the Pentagon's Advanced Research Projects Agency and now long-range planning director for Aerojet-General Corp.—Future problems in the missile field are not technical but political and economic. Never in the past 10 years have we strained our technology.

S. K. Hoffman, general manager of North American Aviation's rocket engine division—The government can command whatever it wants in rocket power for missiles and space vehicles.

W. L. Young, operations manager of Convair-Astronautics Division of General Dynamics Corp.—Atlas intercontinental ballistic missiles could be produced at twice the present rate with relatively small additional effort.

Maj. Gen. O. J. Ritland, commander of the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division—Military space vehicles should not be developed with the same priorities that enabled the United States to develop its first intercontinental ballistic missile in just five years.

Another official said an air-launched ballistic missile to be carried by jet bombers could be produced on extremely short schedules though still in the study stage.

Nowhere was there any question about this country's ability to do more in the space-missile field.

The question raging in Washington and being debated across the

country is whether what is being done now is adequate in view of Russian progress.

Election year political controversy and new Russian rocket triumphs have combined to raise a huge question mark over the adequacy of all U.S. defense plans.

Democrats vociferously picture the nation as facing a period of mortal peril in the years immediately ahead. They and other critics foresee a "gap" between U.S. and Soviet missile strength that

could threaten American survival. Republicans just as aggressively picture the United States "second to none" in military power. Whether there is a "missile gap" or not, the Eisenhower administration says, there will be no gap in this country's varied and versatile overall power to deter Russian attack.

The debate got under way in mid-January when President Eisenhower sent Congress his new 41-billion-dollar defense spending

budget for fiscal 1961. This represents an increase of 30 million dollars over this year's figure. The argument could be made that, because of rising weapons, personnel and maintenance costs, it will buy somewhat less defense than this year's budget.

The new budget was followed by administration disclosure of new intelligence estimates revising downward the numbers of ballistic missiles Russia is expected to have in the next three years. De-

fense Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr. testified the estimates were based on "more refined and better evaluated" data on Russian missile progress than was available last year.

Democrats, led by Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.), an unavowed candidate for the presidential nomination, accused the administration of "juggling" the intelligence books.

The great defense debate in Congress already has developed

these conclusions:

—Republicans and Democrats agree that, right now, the United States is ahead of Russia in strategic striking power and can deter Russia from global war.

—Both sides agree Russia will have more intercontinental ballistic missiles than this country over the next three years. Republicans contend it will be a "moderate" superiority. The Democrats contend it will be far worse than pic-

Installation Chief Named

CORVALLIS (AP)—Col. Leon Gray will take command of the SAGE installation at nearby Camp Adair Feb. 25, the Air Force announced Tuesday.

The SAGE unit, a link in the nation's pushbutton air defense system, is one of four planned for the Northwest.

Launching pads for Bomarc guided missiles now are being built at Adair in conjunction with the SAGE facility.



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