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Weather

Klamath Falls, Tulelake and Lakeview—Variable cloudiness through Tuesday with a few brief showers possible over higher elevations. Lows tonight 23 - 28. Highs Tuesday 37-42. Variable winds 5-15 m.p.h.

High yesterday	35
Low this morning	23
High year ago	32
Low year ago	20
Precip. past 24 hours	trace
Since Jan. 1	1.49
Same period last year	3.74

Legislators Seek Elimination Of Oregon's Inventory Tax

Solons Say Measure Discourages Industry

SALEM (UPI) — Pleas for elimination of the inventory tax on business were voiced by two legislators today at a House Taxation Committee hearing.

State Sen. Victor Atiyeh, R-Beaverton, said passage of any bill abolishing the tax would be of "tremendous value to the state of Oregon."

He promised that additional hearings on the subject later this week would produce testimony that many industries refuse to come to Oregon because of the tax, some that already are here are considering leaving, and others lay off employes and virtually halt production in an effort to reduce their inventories at the end of the year.

Rep. John Mosser, D-Beaverton, appeared before the committee to explain his tax bill. It contains three basic ideas—repeal of the inventory tax, a continuing appropriation for local property tax relief, and distribution of any state surpluses for property tax relief.

"In my opinion, it is one of the most discriminatory taxes we have in Oregon," Mosser said of the inventory tax.

The State Tax Commission estimates the inventory tax will bring the state about $18 million a year in the next biennium, and Mosser admitted that local property tax payers would have to assume that burden unless some other offset is found.

Diversion Proposed

His bill calls for 50 per cent of the state corporation income and excise taxes to be diverted to that use, but he said latest tax commission estimates indicate that it would take 68 per cent of those taxes the first year and 60 per cent thereafter to make up the difference.

He said he was not sure Gov. Mark Hatfield's proposed 1965-67 operating budget could be cut enough to make that much money available.

Mosser's formula for distributing the offset money would be on the basis of true cash value, which means that the owner of a $10,000 home in Baker would have the same dollar amount taken off his tax bill as the owner of $10,000 worth of property in Portland.

However, because some industrial areas pay a far greater share of the inventory tax than others, there would be some marked differences in how some counties would fare under his plan. Portland and Multnomah County would be hit the hardest.

Mosser's figures showed that if 68 per cent of the corporation taxes were used for offset, Multnomah County would get $1,855,200 less than it now gets from inventory taxes. Almost all of that loss would fall on the city of Portland.

Klamath County, on the other hand, would get $280,900 more than it does now.

As a result, Mosser also offered amendments which would provide for a $1.6 million a tial grant to Portland if his plan is adopted.

Steel Union Election Still Cloudy

PITTSBURGH (UPI)—The involved process of determining winners of high offices in the United Steelworkers union begins Friday.

But all candidates in the bitterly contested race today were focusing their attention on a hearing in federal court at Gary, Ind., where U.S. District Judge George Beamer will decide whether ballots cast last Tuesday by Local 1014 should be recounted.

Local 1014 is one of the largest locals in the union with 16,000 members but only half of them voted. The count there gave David J. McDonald, the incumbent president, a plurality of 500 votes over I. W. Abel, his opponent.

McDonald's supporters say a recount would show him carrying the local by 2,500 votes.

Both Claim Victory

Both camps have claimed victory. Both also have hinted strongly they will go to court to support their claims.

An unofficial tabulation by UPI, with 2,907 of the union's 3,203 locals reporting, gave: Abel 290,188; McDonald 255,770.

Here is how the winner will be determined.

Return sheets from the locals will be mailed to USW headquarters in downtown Pittsburgh. These returns received after midnight Friday will be discarded.

The count will be conducted by tellers John Shipperbottom of Hamilton, Ont., Wayne Antrim of Hammond, Ind., and Steve Caruso of Lorain, Ohio. All three ran for re-election on the Abel slate.

The Honest Ballot Association of New York will be present when the three tellers open the envelopes and oversee the process. Their presence is provided for in the union constitution.

The tellers have until May 1 to report their official findings to the international secretary-treasurer's office. However, it is anticipated they will be prepared much sooner—possibly by the middle of next week.

If defeated, McDonald will be a "lame duck" president until June 1 when his third consecutive four-year term expires.

Saturday Meets Due

SALEM (UPI)—House Speaker F. F. Montgomery, R-Eugene, said today he may order house committees to hold Saturday meetings to break a bill jam-up in the lower chamber.

He said "I am now reviewing the status of bills in the various committees, and if it appears necessary, I will ask the committee chairmen to hold Saturday hearings to get things moving."

While House committees are overloaded with bills, Senate committees have relatively few measures.

NAT KING COLE

Recording Artist Nat King Cole Dies Of Cancer

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Velvet-voiced Nat King Cole, who charmed a generation of fans as a recording and nightclub singer, died today after a two-month battle against lung cancer.

Cole, 45, entered St. John's Hospital in nearby Santa Monica last Dec. 9 and underwent surgery for removal of his left lung three weeks ago today. Cobalt and X-ray treatments were administered to shrink the tumor before surgery.

The singer's wife, Maria, had been at the hospital constantly and was at his bedside when he died at 5:30 a.m. PST. Cole had been kept under sedation and his wife reflected the fatigue and strain of the ordeal.

Cole appeared to be gaining Friday and talked with his wife and nurses but his condition worsened during the weekend.

Of her vigil she said, "This is the time every woman must be strong."

She interrupted her hospital visits only to spend time with her brood of five children, Carol, Natalie, Nat Kelley, and twins Casey and Timolin and explained that they looked to her "for strength when I get home in the evenings."

Nat Cole began life in Alabama as Nathaniel Adams Coles, the son of an impoverished Baptist minister who did a little farming on the side.

Cole, given early musical training by his mother who was a church choir singer, began his entertainment career as a pianist with the "Nat Cole Trio," and became a singer by accident when a drunken patron insisted he sing his favorite tune, "Sweet Lorraine."

That was in 1937 and the instrumentalist group was making a grand total of $75 a week.

Cole then concentrated on singing and his income rose to $10,000 a week. His records have sold more than 50 [illegible] copies.

Among his hits were "Lisa," "Nature Boy," "Young," and "Rambling Rose."

His phrasing — every word was perfectly clear — and his sense of rhythm were admired by just plain listeners and professionals alike.

The soft purring quality of his voice was an accident of nature, apparently. He enjoyed telling a story about himself—a physician who once told him sing, advised, "with a throat like that, you should be home in bed."

The magic quality of Cole's voice and his popularity caused San Francisco Chronicle critic Ralph Gleason to remark that his records were "practically legal tender . . . He always sounds like Nat Cole and can be recognized immediately. For another thing, there's a ring of sincerity in everything he does that makes you want to hear him again and again."

Nat King Cole's rise to fame and fortune could not be called a typical American success, although it has some elements of the Horatio Alger legend.

As a Negro he was never very active in civil rights movements but he gave large financial contributions to such causes and he preferred to prove himself in this field by actions rather than words.

In January (1964) he told UPI Hollywood Correspondent Vernon Scott he did not make speeches or take part in demonstrations "because I do things differently. Naturally the cause is near and dear to me. I contribute to many of the organizations. But I've always believed actions speak louder than words. I'm not criticizing the marchers. I'm all for them."

Dame Plans Two Plants For Lumber

Lumberman Merrill R. Dame said Monday he plans to open manufacturing plants in both Klamath Falls and Lakeview.

Dame told the Herald and News by telephone from Kanab, Utah, that he plans to open lumber remanufacturing operations in the former American Forest Products Corporation (AFP) plant in Lakeview in about 30 days.

New Plant

The industrialist also said his plans for building a new remanufacturing plant in Klamath Falls are still in force.

Dame has negotiated a lease arrangement for the AFP moulding plant in Lakeview, including seven acres of ground.

Dame said his initial plans call for the shipment of lumber from Lake County to Kanab to support his operations there. When the Klamath Falls plant is completed either late this year or early next year, Dame said, his Kanab facilities will be closed completely and a tie between Lakeview and Klamath Falls will be established.

Regulations Cited

Dame said his Lakeview plant is being established to comply with forest service regulations concerning the processing of federal timber.

Dame said some men at the Lakeview plant will come from Kanab, but the bulk of his crew there will come from the Lakeview area.

The lumberman said the size of his Lakeview operation will depend on several factors, and hasn't been established yet.

Equipment Moved

Equipment is being transferred to Lakeview from Kanab and more equipment will be brought to Klamath Falls for the new plant here.

A truckload of equipment from Kanab arrived last week in Lakeview and the truck returned to Kanab with a load of lumber. Another truckload of equipment was being prepared for shipment from Kanab to Lakeview.

Dame has purchased an 18-acre site from the city of Klamath Falls for $6,300 for his new plant here, which is expected to employ more than 30 men when completed.

Explorer Trapped In Crevice

DOLGEVILLE, N. Y. (UPI)—Cave explorer James Mitchell, 23, hung suspended by a nylon harness in an 18-inch crevice today with hope abandoned for his life but rescuers still trying to extricate his body.

Since Saturday, when Mitchell became trapped while prowling the seldom explored "Schroeder's Pants" cave with two companions, police, firemen and spelunking experts have strived vainly to free him. But he remains about eight feet down a hole deep in the cavern, wedged in at an awkward angle and frozen to the rock by water from an underground spring which spews continuously on him at the rate of nine gallons a minute.

State Police Capt. Frank Miller, who is directing the search for the Winthrop, Mass., chemist, said Sunday night, "You may say that Mitchell is officially presumed dead."

A physician said earlier that his life might have been taken by the breath-constricting harness he wore, if not by the effects of the icy water splashing on him since he became trapped late Saturday.

Authorities said an attempt probably would be made today to reach Mitchell by using mechanical equipment to burrow down from above him.

Mitchell, a native of Waterville, Ohio, hangs trapped in a near-vertical shaft which drops from a small room of the cavern more than 400 feet inside a snowcovered hill in the Adirondack foothills, 30 miles east of Utica, N. Y. The cave opening is situated on a farm, a mile and a half from the nearest road. Heavy snow and subfreezing weather made the rescue efforts more difficult.

Red Chinese Plan H-Bomb

LONDON (UPI) — Communist China may test a second nuclear device "very shortly," it was learned today. The weapon is likely to be a hydrogen bomb.

The Peking regime was understood to be accelerating its nuclear weapons program, including some form of delivery system.

Communist China detonated its first atomic device last October. Experts said the blast showed Peking was further advanced in atomic development than had been known.

The nearest to an official hint of Peking's nuclear ambitions was contained in the governmental weekly, the Peking Review. It said Red China will "spare no effort to scale the peaks in these matters (nuclear weaponry) and catch up and surpass the most advanced imperialist countries in modern science and technology."

In its first explosion, Red China used enriched uranium instead of plutonium and some experts believed this characterizes the phase that normally precedes evolution of a hydrogen type test.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

On his TV show recently, Art Linkletter had as his guest entertainer the Maharajah of Mysore, who is also the governor of the state of Madras, in India.

Among other things, the Maharajah explained that the Indian state of Madras, which is roughly only about a half larger in area than the state of Oregon, has a population of more than 50 MILLION—and it is GROWING RAPIDLY.

Imagine a population of nearly 50 million within the confines of our pleasant state of Oregon, whose total area is approximately two-thirds that of the Indian state of Madras!

It would be a mess, wouldn't it?

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How much of a mess?

Let's put it this way:

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The area of Oregon is roughly 97,000 square miles — 96,981 square miles, to be exact.

Its present population is assumed to be about 1,800,000. The exact figure at the 1960 census was 1,757,691.

Which is to say:

The present population per square mile in Oregon is about 20.

If our population density equaled that of the state of Madras in India, we would have about 500 persons per square mile.

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Let's not be in TOO big a hurry to increase our population fantastically.

It's nice to have room enough to turn around in.

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So much for population.

What really interested this writer was the Maharajah's pronunciation of the Indian state of which he is the governor.

He pronounced it Ma-DRAHS—using the broad A, and putting the accent on the final syllable.

That brings up our Oregon town of Madras, seat of Jefferson County.

According to Lewis McArthur, in his indispensable book, Oregon Geographic Names, the name first suggested when a post office was applied for was Palmain, in honor of John Palmein, a well known local resident. The authorities objected to the name because it was too much like Palmer and so might cause confusion in the mail.

Instead, they named the office Madras, presumably for the city in India, McArthur adds that the name of the Oregon town is universally pronounced with the accent on the first syllable.

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Hmmmmmmmmmmmmm.

An interesting thought occurs.

Suppose somebody got a little over on the hifalutin' side and pronounced the town's name Ma-DRAHS—broad sound of the A and all.

It just might earn him what the French would call a "coup de nez"—meaning what over on this side of the mountains would more likely be termed what the Dictionary of American Slang would define as a BOP ON THE BEEZER.

Anyway, the first time you stop in Madras, don't call the town Ma-DRAHS.

ANXIOUS PARENTS — Mr. and Mrs. Alvah M. Shumaker, parents of captured American pilot Robert H. Shumaker, display a UPI Telephoto which was made in Hanoi, North Viet Nam, showing their son in the custody of an armed guard. The Shumakers live in New Wilmington, Pa. Shumaker reportedly was seized when his plane was shot down during a U.S. retaliatory raid over North Viet Nam. — UPI Telephoto

Report Says 20,000 Reds Have Infiltrated Viet Nam

By MICHAEL T. MALLOY

SAIGON (UPI) — The Saigon government charged today that 20,000 Communist-trained officers have infiltrated South Viet Nam since 1959. A report said the Communists were armed with weapons made in the Soviet Union and Red China.

U.S. intelligence officials confirmed the South Vietnamese charge and added that the number of Communist infiltrators over the past six years may be closer to 34,000.

South Viet Nam delivered the report in the form of a protest note to the International Control Commission — an agency established in 1954 to police the partition of the two Viet Nams after the French Indo-China war.

A lull on the fighting front was shattered during the weekend with Communist guerrillas battling government forces in at least three separate engagements in the coastal lowlands north of Saigon.

A U.S. military spokesman said 25 government soldiers were killed and 43 wounded. In addition two platoons of provincial militiamen, about 70 men, were missing with their weapons. Communist casualties in the clashes about 300 miles north of here were given as 33 known dead.

Two Americans were reported wounded in the clashes and three American helicopter crewmen injured when their HU1B turbojet crashlanded because of engine failure. None were badly hurt.

Asks Withdrawal

North Viet Nam announced Sunday that it has asked commission members to withdraw from its territory. The Hanoi regime said it was no longer able to guarantee the safety of commission members in view of the air strikes against North Viet Nam by U.S. and South Vietnamese bombers.

The South Vietnamese report on infiltrators was an attempt to document charges that the guerrilla war in this country is directed and supplied from Hanoi.

"Before being sent south, these troops and cadres received special training from the central committee for reunification in Hanoi, which works in close cooperation with the North Vietnamese armed forces high command and the ministries concerned," the protest said.

The report added that the infiltrators receive training in guerrilla warfare, political subversion and espionage.

Lists Weapons

Weapons carried by the Communists included Russian-made Mossin Nagant rifles, Chinese Communist 57-millimeter bazookas and machineguns and small arms, recoilless rifles and bomb launchers manufactured in Communist East Germany.

The South Vietnamese report said its information came from Communist prisoners of war, defectors and captured Red documents. U.S. intelligence sources verified most of the information.

The U.S. Embassy here denied a London newspaper report that Communist Chinese soldiers had moved into North Viet Nam.

"There is absolutely nothing, nothing, nothing to it," an embassy spokesman said.

North Viet Nam charged that two warships of the United States and South Vietnamese navy violated North Vietnamese waters Sunday and shelled North Vietnamese territory.

A Hanoi dispatch heard in Tokyo said North Vietnamese military units fired back "and both pirate ships were set on fire."

The Hanoi regime said it filed a protest with the International Control Commission charging the United States with "pushing ahead with a scheme to intensify the aggressive war in South Viet Nam, to stage provocations and to expand the war over the whole of Indo-China."

Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin concluded a 10-day Communist solidarity mission to North Viet Nam, China and North Korea Sunday.

A communique issued after Kosygin's North Korea visit condemned U.S. actions in Viet Nam as "criminal" and promised "necessary" defense aid to the Hanoi regime.

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New Prime Minister Named In Viet Nam

SAIGON (UPI) — Dr. Phan Huy Quat, a veteran politician, said today he had been approved by the armed forces as prime minister of South Viet Nam.

Dr. Quat said he received the vital assurance of support from the military leaders at a full meeting of the Armed Forces Council. The council is an advisory body headed by Vietnamese strongman Gen. Nguyen Khanh.

Dr. Quat said that the proposed compromise cabinet includes three deputy prime ministers without distinction of precedence.

They come from three geographical regions of Viet Nam and thus have hopes of satisfying the regional demands for representation in the new government.

Dr. Quat's proposed cabinet also won approval from a 20-member mixed council of religious and military leaders that still has not been formally announced and which will advise the new government.

Named deputy prime ministers were Maj. Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu who is from central Viet Nam, former Foreign Minister Tran Van Do, who is a southerner, and Tran Van Tuyen, who is from North Viet Nam and has connections with the old Vietnamese nationalist party.

Thieu will also be armed forces minister (defense minister).

Reds Attack Laos Post

VIENTIANE, Laos, (UPI)—A Laotian military spokesman reported today that Pathet Lao forces and Communist North Vietnamese troops have overrun a rightwing stronghold in northeast Laos. The outpost was the last pocket of government resistance in the area.

The spokesman identified the captured village as Houa Muong, 165 miles northeast of Vientiane. He said it fell Sunday in the face of a strong Communist offensive.

The attacking force was estimated at six battalions supported by two 105 millimeter guns and anti-aircraft weapons for defense against the royal Laotian air force.

According to reliable sources in Vientiane, some high officials were evacuated by air from Houa Muong before it fell—but the majority of refugees were streaming west and south from the town over rough mountain trails.

Aerial reconnaissance estimated the number of refugees at between 3,000 and 6,000.

Houa Muong was held for 2½ years following the Geneva agreements by two battalions of regular rightwing troops supported by a few thousand Meo guerrillas scattered over the whole area.

Legislature Pauses To Mark State Birthday

By ZAN STARK

SALEM (UPI)—The legislature paused in its headlong drive for adjournment, and paid tribute Sunday to the richness of heritage and history that are a part of Oregon's 106 years of statehood.

Special birthday ceremonies were held in the House chamber in the Capitol.

Historian Frank Brach Riley called upon modern-day Oregonians to "preserve our shrines and reap the harvest.

"The tourist will travel farther for history, romance and beauty than he will for gold.

"Let us build in Oregon the finest civilization the world has ever known," he admonished.

In flowing and eloquent terms, Riley traced the development of the West and Oregon, and said Sunday's birthday "speaks proudly of continued achievement and of our heritage," and termed Oregon "the ancestral mother of all the West."

Gov. Mark Hatfield introduced Riley as "Oregon's ambassador to the world."

The Portland attorney who came to Oregon from Iowa in 1931 has made 29 cross-country speaking tours to extol his adopted land.

The House chamber, side aisles and galleries were filled nearly to capacity. Most state representatives and a handful of state senators were present for the hour-long ceremony.

Speaker F. F. Montgomery, R-Eugene, arranged the ceremony which he hopes will become a biennial affair, and introduced special guests former Gov. Charles Sprague, and six former House speakers.

They included John Carkin of Medford, 1927 session; Harry Boivin of Klamath Falls, now Senate president, who was House leader in 1937; Eugene Marsh of McMinnville, 1945; John P. Steelhammer, Salem, 1951; Pat Dooley, Portland, 1957 regular and special sessions; and Clarence Barton of Coquille, speaker for the 1963 regular and special sessions.

Also on hand were Secretary of State Tom McCall, and U.S. Sen. Maurine Neuberger.

She said of the state's birthday, "To grow old gracefully is to move forward with the times and lift our sights to the future." She added, "I hope we are not failing our youth and driving them back to the east from whence our forefathers came."

Senate president Harry Boivin, D-Klamath Falls, introduced Mrs. Neuberger, who served in the Oregon House of Representatives before being elected to the U.S. Senate.