

Weather Forecast

Southern California—Generally clear today and tomorrow but with patches of light and morning fog or low clouds along coast and some afternoon cloudiness over mountains and interior regions; not much change in temperatures; San Bernardino range yesterday: 97-62.

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SENATORS SUDDENLY HALT HUGHES INQUIRY

Defendant Says Brewster Took 'Runout Powder'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (AP)—The senate hearings on Howard Hughes' warplane contracts jerked to a sudden halt today but personal bitterness ran on, Hughes declaring Senator Brewster, Maine Republican, took a cowardly "run out powder" and Brewster retorting it was Hughes who cried "enough."

On the heels of the recess came these developments:

1. Attorney General Clark, in Chicago, told reporters the justice department will proceed during the recess with an investigation of Hughes-Brewster allegations linking the inquiry to a possible airline merger.

2. James G. Hall, former Air Forces colonel, protested that he is not being given a chance to dispute previous testimony that a Hughes publicity agent, John W. Meyer, lavishly entertained him. He called the senate inquiry "a skunk circus."

3. Russell Birdwell, who also served Hughes in public relations, announced plans to file a \$1,000,000 libel suit against Noah Dietrich, a Hughes official. Birdwell said he would base the suit on Dietrich's testimony that Birdwell padded an expense account to show entertainment for Jesse H. Jones. Birdwell said he did entertain the former head of the Reconstruction Finance Corp.

After Ferguson's announcement, Hughes commented: "As soon as Senator Brewster saw he was fighting a losing battle against public opinion he folded up and took a runout powder. 'TOO COWARDLY' "

"Yes, when Senator Brewster headed for the backwoods of Maine, that was the tipoff. Washington was getting too hot for him. "There was no other reason for the other senators on this committee to continue his battle for him (Continued on Page 4, Column 1)

Second Man Faces Charge in Del Mar Hotel Gambling Raid

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 11 (AP)—Henry Paronelli of Los Angeles, who on Saturday through an attorney made demand upon Sheriff Bert Strand for \$5,000 worth of gambling equipment seized by sheriff's deputies in the Hotel Del Mar garage Friday, was charged in a complaint today as owner of the equipment. He has not been arrested.

The property was described by the sheriff as illegal under provisions of a county ordinance. The charge is a misdemeanor.

A similar charge is pending against Sanford Dennis Alder, 37, owner of the Hotel Del Mar. Alder, who recently bought the late Benjamin (Bugs) Siegel's Flamingo club in Las Vegas, Nev., has denied that he owned the equipment and said that the garage in which the machines were found had been leased to Paronelli. Alder is at liberty on \$250 bail.

Hudson Joins Parade Of Auto Price Boosts

DETROIT, Aug. 11 (AP)—The Hudson Motor Car Company today announced a boost of \$45 to \$95 in the list prices of its automobiles, effective immediately.

Hudson joined General Motors, Packard and Kaiser-Frazer in raising prices in the last two weeks.

George H. Pratt, Hudson vice-president in charge of sales, said "rising material and labor costs" forced the increase.

Hot Weather Threatens '48 Meat Supplies

Hopes for Bountiful Corn Harvest Dim; Other Products Hit

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (AP)—Continuing hot, dry weather in the middle west has cut back crop prospects since July 15, the agriculture department reported today, and dashed hopes of a bountiful corn harvest that would assure next year's meat supplies and perhaps trim prices.

The crop report, on conditions as of Aug. 1, indicated that corn—the major feed grain for livestock—was perhaps hardest hit by the weather, but other products were affected, too.

Officials pointed out, however, that a quick weather change might lift what the report called a serious threat.

Conditions on Aug. 1 indicated, the department said, that total production of all crops this year will be 2 per cent above the 1942-46 average and only 2 per cent below the record volume of last year.

Plagued at planting time by wet cool weather, corn staged a good recovery during the first half of July but lost some of this gain during the last few days of the month, when the heat wave moved in.

As of Aug. 1, the crop was estimated at 2,659,949,000 bushels compared with 2,770,000,000 forecast as of July 15. The latest estimate compares with last year's record crop of 3,287,000,000, with the government's goal of 3,000,000,000 and with a 10-year average of 2,639,000,000.

A short crop—that is, one of less than about 2,850,000,000 bushels of good quality grain—would force some reduction in output of meat and other livestock products next year, officials said.

The department said a large portion of the corn crop is susceptible to damage if first killing frosts should occur at usual times. Corn caught by frost before it has

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Night Club Singer, Husband Sentenced

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 11 (AP)—Anita O'Day, 27-year-old night club singer, and her husband, Carl A. Hoff, 31, a mechanic, were sentenced in superior court today to 90 days in jail on a charge of possessing marijuana.

High Grain Prices Blamed On Speculation

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11 (AP)—Current high grain prices are due "in great measure to speculation," and it ought to be stopped, President Stanley S. Langendorf of Langendorf United Bakeries, Inc., today advised Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson.

In a telegram to Anderson, who was in Los Angeles en route to Honolulu, Langendorf urged immediate steps to curb speculation by the public in grains, corn and other commodities. He proposed increasing the present traders' margins of 40 per cent to 75 per cent or 100 per cent.

"An artificial scarcity prevails," the telegram said. "A vicious circle is now in operation. . . ."

Langendorf said hedging by mills or food processors is normal speculation, but that unrestricted speculation by the public "is extremely harmful."

C.I.O. Workers Crash Pickets

Company President Leads Onslaught

CLINTON, Mich., Aug. 11 (AP)—Several hundred C.I.O. workers crashed with swinging fists through a picket line into the strikebound Clinton Machine Co. plant and tonight set up cots and played cards, prepared to stay indefinitely.

The workers, about half of them women, decided to remain in the plant as 56 state troopers arrived on the scene at the order of Gov. Kim Sigler to prevent further violence.

More than 15 workers and pickets were injured when employees who wanted to return to their jobs launched a flying wedge at a 150-man picket line and crashed into the plant.

One of the injured was Don Thomas, 200-pound company president who personally led the onslaught. He suffered bruises from kicks and fists.

Thomas later sent trucks flying through the picket lines to carry cots and food to the workers inside and said they would stay there "indefinitely."

Pickets remained in a cordon around the plant, and several hundred townspeople gathered.

Thomas emerged from the plant and shouted for pickets and other United Auto Workers to come inside and join the back-to-work movement.

Capt. Caesar Scavarda, commanding the state police detail, stepped in and threatened to arrest Thomas unless he stopped "inciting the crowd."

California Legion Backs Training Plan

SAN JOSE, Aug. 11 (AP)—California's American Legion was lined up today behind universal military training.

The state department's executive committee yesterday adopted a resolution favoring the training. The Legion throughout the nation has advocated universal training.

State, Overell Defense Argue Erotic Letters

Courtroom Cleared While Admissibility As Evidence Debated

SANTA ANA, Aug. 11 (AP)—The courtroom was cleared and the press section excluded late today as Superior Judge Kenneth E. Morrison listened to lawyers' arguments regarding admissibility of love letters exchanged in jail between Heiress Louise Overell and George Gollum, jointly charged with murdering her parents.

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The state was picking up loose ends, as Williams indicated he expected to conclude his presentation tomorrow. He won introduction of exhibits of candy "red-hots," tiny, cinnamon flavored red sweets described as found in Gollum's car and flight jacket; and of several lengths of detonator wire. All told, the state has offered 256 exhibits in the case. The letters are Nos. 194 and through 209.

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Rail Workers Need 20 Pct. Wage Hike, Economist Asserts

CHICAGO, Aug. 11 (AP)—An economist representing 17 unions of the non-operating employees of the nation's railroads said today that the unions' one million employees need a wage increase of 19.9 per cent or 20.3 cents an hour to regain the purchasing power they had after their last previous raise.

Eli L. Oliver, director of the Washington office of the Labor Bureau of Middle West, who appeared before an arbitration panel which is hearing a dispute over the unions' demands for a 20 cents an hour wage boost, said that the 19.9 per cent increase would merely restore the employees' previous position according to price levels that prevailed in May, 1946.

Such an increase, Oliver said, would do nothing to improve their economic status or "to eliminate the ever-increasing disparity between their wages and those paid in other industries."

Ford Recalls 32,000 Workers at Detroit

DETROIT, Aug. 11 (AP)—The Ford Motor Co. recalled 32,000 workers today, ending a three-day layoff caused by a parts shortage blamed on the continuing strike at the Murray Corp. of America. Another 19,000 employees in the Ford Rouge, Highland Park and branch assembly plants will return Wednesday.

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Helene Costello's Husband Asks Divorce

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 11 (AP)—Lee Le Blanc, Hollywood artist, demanded a divorce today from Helene Costello, silent screen star, who recently sued him for a divorce. Le Blanc asked custody of their daughter and charged his wife with habitual intemperance.

V. A. Warns Its Employees on 5 O'Clock Rush

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (AP)—The Veterans administration, alarmed at the way its workers rush to quit at 5 p.m., today told them to take it easy.

A memorandum from Francis Dryden, assistant administrator, cited three recent cases of employees knocked down and injured in the corridors and added:

"Most of this running occurs within two or three minutes of closing time. Employees dash from their places of work headed for the nearest exits. Frequently they slip and fall. They bump into others. Injuries result."

Family Puts Tired Papa Odom to Bed



The family of William P. Odom bid the tired world flier good night early yesterday morning as he prepared to sleep in bed for the first time since he started his record flight last Thursday. Left to right: Mrs. Dennis Odom, his mother; Odom's wife, Dorothy; Dennis Odom, his father; and his children, Ronald, 3, and Rochelle, 6. (AP wirephoto)

ODOM PLANS GLOBE-CIRCLING JOURNEY OVER BOTH POLES

Reynolds Buys B-32 for November Flight; Chicago Gives Flier Hero's Welcome

CHICAGO, Aug. 11 (AP)—Bill Odom received a hero's welcome today for his record-shattering world flight but even before the ceremonies ended he was discussing enthusiastically plans for another globe-circling flight—this time the "hard way" over both poles.

Odom was welcomed formally at the city hall by Mayor Martin H. Kennelly during a brief reception honoring him for the round-the-world flight he completed here yesterday in the elapsed time of 73 hours, 5 minutes.

CHEERED ON PARADE Kennelly proclaimed today "Bill Odom day," and then the 27-year-old flier, his family and associates were taken under motorcycle escort on a 15-minute parade through Chicago's Loop district before cheering thousands. Ticker tape and torn paper showered the parade.

Odom was accompanied by his wife, Dorothy; Milton Reynolds, millionaire pen maker who backed the flight, and Mrs. Reynolds.

Odom was "too excited" to sleep after he got home last night. He didn't go to bed until after midnight.

Today he discussed his plans for participation in the Bendix air race Aug. 31 and his polar flight, tentatively scheduled for November.

At the city hall Odom said that Reynolds had purchased a B-32, costing "up in six figures," for the polar flight. He plans to tune up for the flight by making three or four trips over the North pole.

Ten persons will accompany him on the flight, including meteorologists, geodetic survey experts, scientists and newsmen.

The route of the flight probably will be to Greenland, across the North pole to the Aleutians or Tokyo, to New Zealand, across the South pole, and over Argentina and other South American countries.

TO FLY WITH ARMY Odom said he expected to leave about Nov. 1 for Fairbanks, Alaska, for reconnaissance flying with the Army for two weeks. He said the polar trip would cover 25,000 to 31,000 miles but that the length of the trip depends on whether Russia permits him to fly over its territory.

In the Bendix race, Odom plans to use a "new type of plane capable of doing 500 miles an hour, his flight manager, Franklin Lamb, said.

State Law Banning Marriage of Whites, Negroes Challenged

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11 (AP)—The state law forbidding the intermarriage of white persons and Negroes was challenged today in the California supreme court.

A petition for a writ of mandate was filed by Sylvester S. Davis Jr. and Miss Andrea D. Perez. The petition identified Davis as a Negro; Miss Perez as a white woman. Both are residents of Los Angeles.

It demanded that the supreme court direct J. F. Moroney, Los Angeles county clerk, to issue a marriage license to them.

In the petition the two declared the law interferes with their religious rights and violates the first and fourteenth amendments to the constitution. Both are members of the Catholic church, the petition stated.

Husband Faces Murder Charge

DETROIT, Aug. 11 (AP)—Police said tonight they will ask for a murder warrant against Harry Treaki, 50-year-old part-time butcher, in the brutal torso murder of his bride of 11 days.

Five neatly-hacked sections of the body of the victim, 20-year-old Jean Howard Treaki, were found scattered over a seven-block area in downtown Detroit.

Senior Inspector Marvin Lane said he had "enough evidence to ask for a warrant some time this week."

He issued his statement after hours of grilling of Treaki, who he said still maintained innocence.

Intensive questioning of Treaki was begun after the small apartment of the couple was found splattered with blood, Lane said.

Strike Closes Cutter

OAKLAND, Aug. 11 (AP)—The Cutter Laboratories plant where penicillin and other vital drugs are manufactured was closed today by a walkout of 500 C.I.O. employees.

Red Reports Denied

PARIS, Aug. 11 (AP)—Russian reports that the United States insisted upon naval bases in Italy and France as a prelude to loans drew denials today from the foreign offices in Paris and Rome.