

# Record Heat Tops 89 Degrees Here; Hits 104 in Marin

## Low Humidity Fire Danger

Record high heat and record low humidity brought running sweat to the collective Bay area brow yesterday as thousands of Labor Day stay-at-homes swarmed to local beaches and parks.

In San Francisco the red line on the official thermometer pushed up to a high of 89.7 degrees at 1:30 p. m. to mark a new maximum for the summer season and an all-time high for September 1 in local recorded weather history.

These were the hour by hour temperatures at San Francisco's Civic Center through the day:

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| 6 a. m.     | 58   | 1:00 p. m. | 85   |
| 7 a. m.     | 60   | 1:30 p. m. | 89.7 |
| 8 a. m.     | 63   | 2:00 p. m. | 88   |
| 9 a. m.     | 72   | 3:00 p. m. | 86   |
| 10 a. m.    | 78   | 4:00 p. m. | 81   |
| 11 a. m.    | 81   | 5:00 p. m. | 80   |
| 12 noon     | 88   | 6:00 p. m. | 80   |
| 12:10 p. m. | 89.1 |            |      |

As the official records are kept in round numbers yesterday's mark will go in the books as 90 degrees.

The official prediction for today was "somewhat cooler," with a maximum temperature prediction for San Francisco of 80 degrees.

**Little Fog**—The cooling will reach the East Bay areas by this evening and the interior tomorrow, the forecaster said. It will come from an increase in sea breezes.

What fog there will be will be along the coast and "somewhat spotty."

Monday's high for the Bay area was 104 degrees at the official Woodacre weather station in Marin County along with Concord and Walnut Creek in the East Bay area.

Elsewhere in Marin County the peak of the day's heat averaged 96 degrees at mid-afternoon.

But what worried Marin County authorities was the humidity. Everywhere the air was tinder dry, well below the 25 per cent of water content which marks the dividing line between safety and danger.

Humidity had dropped to a record 16, so dangerous, as one forest expert put it, that "a hot breath was liable to start flaming."

**A Tinder Box**—Marin County Fire Chief Charles Reilly described the whole area north of the Golden Gate Bridge as a tinder box.

He ordered that all work cease in forest areas for fear that the exhaust from a truck or bulldozer might fire underbrush.

All fire fighting units were ordered to stand by on twenty-four hour duty.

It was nearly as bad in the East Bay. There the temperature set a new all time September 1 record when 99 degrees was recorded at the Oakland airport at 3 p. m. The 104 degrees marked up at Walnut Creek at 4 p. m. and Concord at 4:30 p. m. were also all time records for the date.

The humidity reading decreased to 19, also a new record.

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# Adult 'Education' In State Assailed

California's educational program, particularly adult education and additionally the "frill" portion of needed school construction, is under rigid scrutiny at the present time.

There is no thought of curtailing education as such but arguments have been advanced that some elements of the adult program have a flavor of "boondoggling."

Costs of education, along with everything else, are showing a vast increase. How much of it is justified is being examined. There have been acknowledged instances where abuses have crept into the program.

With vast new expenditures requested, The Examiner believes that a thorough discussion of the subject is in order. A State Senate interim committee is examining the picture.

Here in the first in a series of articles by an Examiner staff writer, the general picture of California's educational problem is outlined, with particular reference to adult education.

By FRANCIS B. O'GARA

When California's youngsters trooped back to school this month, hundreds of thousands of California's oldsters will troop back with them.

And the oldsters won't merely be bringing the kids to school. They will be going back to school themselves, enrolling in adult education classes that now form a major segment of the burgeoning public school system.

Unlike the children, the adults will have an amazing assortment of classes to choose from, an assortment by no means limited to orthodox academic and vocational subjects.

**Shellcraft, Fly-Tying**—The adult curriculum in the past has ranged through cultural courses and courses in home, family and civic life and through the usual arts and crafts to things like shellcraft and cake decorating, doll repair and party favor craftsmanship, ukulele playing and gown draping, fly-

# Ex-Mate Jailed; Behind 22 Years on Support

The law and coincidence combined yesterday to put a 52-year-old San Francisco cook behind bars and to involve two families of growing children in a marital mixup that occurred before their birth.

In a cell at the Hall of Justice was Leonard Waltrip, currently known as James F. Baker, of 890 Eddy Street, held on a technical charge of en route to San Jose.

Complainant against him was a woman to whom he admits being married twenty-three years ago, now Mrs. Hazel R. Wilfong, wife of Fred Wilfong, of 110 Douglas Street.

**Strange Story**—This is the strange story which lies back of the arrest:

Twenty-three years ago Hazel Brooks and Leonard Waltrip, both residents of San Jose, were married in Watsonville.

They moved into a San Jose flat. There Hazel gave birth to a daughter. The parents named her Myra, and she is now Mrs. Al Viri of Berkeley.

Leonard took all he could (he says) and then took off for parts unknown. A warrant and divorce action followed.

He was ordered to pay \$35 a month for the support of Myra, and he did for a year. Then he disappeared.

That was twenty-two years ago.

Hazel, meanwhile, married again. She now has two young sons by Wilfong.

Leonard managed also to take unto himself another mate. He has two sons and a daughter.

Neither had seen the other for two decades until yesterday.

**Nabbed at Lunch**—It was then that Leonard (now known as James) was lunched at a cafe at the corner of Seventh and Market Streets.

Who should be sitting three tables away but Hazel.

Leonard got up to go, walked right by Hazel's table. Women have long memories.

"Do you know me?" Hazel asked.

"Can't say I do," Leonard answered.

Leonard ducked into a bar—which is where men always go to think things over.

Hazel followed. When he refused to go along with her, she called police. Police picked James Leonard up.

He said it all was true, but added plaintively that he thought "I'd sort of lived a new life for twenty years."

"Let's see," said Hazel, "How much is \$35 a month for twenty-two years?"

# WHITNEY BUYS SUTRO BATHS; TO STAY OPEN

Verdict Reversed; Purchase Price More Than \$250,000

(Picture on page 10)

Sutro Baths, contrary to reports of its imminent death, will remain open to all who would swim and ice skate beneath its historic glass dome.

That announcement was made yesterday by George K. Whitney, owner and operator of Playland at the Beach, who said he had bought the baths from Adolph G. Sutro for "something over \$250,000."

Whitney added that he would refurbish the interior and keep it open as San Francisco's favorite natatorium at a lower price per swimmer and skater than the Sutro interests had recently charged. This was \$1.50 for adults and 90 cents for children.

The cash purchase agreement for the nine acres of valuable cliff-side land and the ancient building came just a few hours before the baths were to have been closed forever.

Sutro, grandson and namesake of the man who built the baths in 1886, announced a week ago that he felt forced to retire and rid himself of the property. He was losing \$15,000 a year.

**Record Crowd**—He said he would put the entire building up at auction. Yesterday was to have been the final day for swimming and skating.

Newspaper reports of the natatorium's demise had brought a new record crowd to the plunge—aided by an unusual spell of record hot weather.

At 2 p. m. when the arrangement was reached between Whitney and Sutro, 1,700 people were swimming or skating in the rusty old rocco building.

Whitney, who sixteen years ago bought another Sutro-built landmark, the Cliff House, added this brief comment:

"This all happened so fast that I'll have to dust it off and see what I've got."

**Sutro Glad**—He admitted that he had not even thought about buying the baths until last Saturday, four days after Sutro announced they were to be sold at auction.

In closing the sale, Sutro said: "I'm glad Mr. Whitney is buying the property. He is willing to spend money to keep the kids of San Francisco swimming. I like that."

Whitney said he would probably call the natatorium something like the Whitney-Sutro Baths.

For more than a year Sutro had been offering to lease the baths to the city to make up for what he had stressed as the local lack of swimming facilities. The city refused to make an offer.

# NEW NAVY RAID SMASHES PORT NEAR SIBERIA

Planes From 3 Carriers, Guns of Cruiser Bombard Chongjin

SEOUL, Sept. 2 (Tuesday).—(AP)—The Navy followed up its massive bombing raids at Siberia's doorstep with smashing blows by air and sea at the big Korean port of Chongjin.

The one-two smash, which carried the war within view of Russian guards' on the Siberian Korean frontier, was by far the biggest all-Navy show of the Korean war.

**Close to Siberia**—Chongjin, largest port in all North Korea, lies fifty miles south of the southern tip of Siberia's maritime province.

Smoke still rose from a burning refinery near the Siberian border and from a frontier iron works farther west—plastered in morning Navy strikes—when planes lifted from three United States carriers and headed for unsuspecting Chongjin.

Waves of warplanes from the carriers Princeton, Essex and Boxer roared over the port, unloading their bombs, rockets and bullets on an iron works, an electric plant and factories.

**Cruiser Attacks**—While rain rained on Chongjin from the skies, the United States heavy cruiser Bremerton swung in from the sea and opened up on the port with its eight and five-inch guns.

The pilots who worked over Chongjin had carried out the daring raids in the morning on the synthetic oil refinery at Aoji, just eight miles west of the Siberian border, and on iron mine works and a hydrogen plant at Musan, near the Manchurian-Korean border about sixty-five miles southwest of Aoji.

**Red Planes Sighted**—The Navy said a record 338 sorties (individual flights) were hurled against the three targets, making it the largest Navy air show of the war.

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# Stevenson Changes Stand; Asks T-H Law Be Scrapped

## Truman Raps GOP Record

By ROBERT G. NIXON  
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 MILWAUKEE, Sept. 1.—President Truman tonight accused the Republicans of trying to hide an "endless campaign of opposition to progress" behind "a new face"—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The President, in his first major speech of the 1952 campaign, described the Republican nominee as a "lonely, captive candidate" of the GOP.

He called for the election of Democratic Presidential Candidate Adlai Stevenson in November as the only sure way of obtaining a "better America and a safe and peaceful world."

**High Praise**—President Truman had high praise for Governor Stevenson's "record of fairness and firmness, without favoritism" in Illinois. He said: "I don't believe the Democratic Party has ever had a candidate better qualified to be President than we have this year in Adlai Stevenson of Illinois."

"It's a good thing," the President said, "that the people have the Democratic Party to count on. For it's a sure thing they cannot count on the Republican Party."

"The Republicans are still the party of the special interests, still the errand boys of the big lobbies, still the ones who want to exploit labor and the farmers and the consumers."

"The only thing different about them this year is that they are trying to hide behind a new face—their lonely, captive candidate."

**Put Up New Face**— "They have tried disguises before. They always try to put a new face on the elephant at election time."

"But the disguise never works because the rest of the elephant is too big to hide—and the rest of the elephant is the record of Republican reaction written all over him."

The Republicans, the President charged, "are trying to cover up their record." He continued: "They are campaigning on the idea that it is time for a change. But they don't come (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

## Ike Hits Job 'Warning'

### Assails Letter By Democrat

By ROBERT E. CLARK  
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 NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—General Eisenhower struck out angrily in a Labor Day speech today at a Democratic attempt to solicit campaign contributions from letter carriers by warning they may lose their jobs if he is elected.

The Republican Presidential candidate promised that no postal workers under civil service will be discharged if he becomes

## Urges New Labor Act

By FREEMAN FULBRIGHT  
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 DETROIT, Sept. 1.—Adlai Stevenson declared today that the Taft-Hartley law should be scrapped in favor of a new labor act "to make private collective bargaining work better."

The Democratic presidential nominee, in a Labor Day speech before 15,000 at Cadillac Square in Detroit, denounced the Taft-Hartley Law as a "tangled snarl of legal barbed wire." He described it as "biased and politically inspired," and urged "new methods for settling national emergency disputes" such as the steel strike this year.

The stand was a reversal of

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 The complete text of General Eisenhower's speech to postal workers appears on Page 5.

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 The complete text of Stevenson's speech on the Taft-Hartley Act on page 6.

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# India Reds Block Gas to Hospitals

BOMBAY (India), Sept. 1.—(AP)—The Bombay Gas Company today accused Communist-led strikers of sabotaging attempts to see that hospitals get gas during the strike.

The company said it decided to leave 9,000 street lamps unlighted in order to divert gas to hospitals. But strikers went around lighting the lamps. The strike for more pay and other demands started Saturday.

# U. N. Federation Bans Tunis Issue

GENEVA (Switzerland), Sept. 1.—(AP)—The World Federation of United Nations Associations struck the Tunisian question off the agenda of its seventh annual assembly today. The French delegation had warned it would walk out of any discussion of this issue.

The federation comprises private associations promoting interest in the United Nations in some fifty countries.

# Wind, Lightning Storm in Chicago

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—(INS)—A flash electrical storm hit Chicago today. Winds during the deluge ranged up to thirty miles an hour, with gusts as high as fifty miles per hour.

# At Least 103 Die In Philippines Blow

MANILA, Sept. 2 (Tuesday).—(AP)—An erratic typhoon that whipsawed the southern and northern Philippines and unleashed disastrous floods Saturday claimed at least 103 dead.

The toll was expected to climb higher as communications are restored with hard-hit areas, particularly sections of the Zamboanga Peninsula on southwestern Mindanao Island.

Flood waters in Zamboanga province took ninety-six lives. Landslides buried several small villages.

# FALL FASHIONS for 1952

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# Meat Production To Remain Level

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department predicted today that meat supplies for the remainder of the year will be about the same as they were a year ago and that prices will make no marked change from present figures.

The department said meat production is increasing, but at a rate little more than the increase in population.

# Major Points

The speech was the second of five in a busy Labor Day schedule in which the Illinois governor also dealt with foreign policy. Other major points he made in his flying trip through Michigan were:

1—He will never fear to negotiate in good faith with the Soviet Union, "for to close the door to the conference room is to open a door to war."

He criticized his Republican opponent, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, saying he hopes recent foreign policy statements by Ike and his advisers "have been misunderstood."

"Man's tragedy," Stevenson said, "has all too often been that he has grown weary in the search for an honorable alternative to war, and in desperate impatience, has turned to violence. The free nations . . . must always be ready to sit down at the conference table."

2—Stevenson chided Eisenhower for what he called the GOP "divided foreign policy," and referred to the general's recent American Legion speech as having "aroused speculation here and abroad that if he were elected, some reckless action might ensue."

Stevenson was greeted by crowds of various sizes and enthusiasm in his campaign kickoff. The Detroit crowd and the 10,000 who turned out at Hamtramck were the most receptive.

The shirt-sleeved Detroit Labor Day crowd, gathered at a rally sponsored jointly by the AFL and the CIO, cheered wildly for the nominee when he first appeared on the speakers' platform in front of the City Hall.

**Strike Injunction**—They cheered loudly again when he declared that the anti-strike injunction should be removed from the Nation's labor legislation.

There was applause even when he suggested that some features of the Taft-Hartley should be

# 474 Killed in U.S. Holiday Accidents; Record Feared

Labor Day holiday accidents claimed 474 lives—371 of them in traffic—with the tally far from complete.

The holiday drivers still on the road Monday night got this grim warning from Ned H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council:

"Unless drivers heed their good judgment and common sense, we may pile up an all-

## Time High in Traffic Deaths for Any Labor Day

Dearborn's statement came when the tally showed the Nation suffered forty-two drownings and sixty-one deaths by miscellaneous accidents, plus the big traffic toll. Traffic always is the big killer.

[San Francisco escapes holiday death toll; northern California total rises to 24, Page 4, Columns 1-2.]