

WISCONSIN PRIMARY DRAWS HEAVY VOTE

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



MRS. M. J. PONTON as she knelt before a battery of day-old chicks at the Ponton Hatchery in West Roseburg. The Pontons have been in the poultry business practically all their lives and for the last 16 years have operated hatcheries in Roseburg and Sutherlin. They specialize in the hatching (and sale) of Nichols and Christie Hampshires, although they also produce certain numbers of Parmenter Reds and White Leghorns. Their incubators and brooding batteries are Jamesways and they hatch about 8,000 chicks weekly during the operating months, which in their case extend through February to the first of July. Their chicks are exceptionally sturdy and mortality has proven very light. Their choice of the heavier, dual-purpose breeds, such as the Hamps and Reds, meets with an entire and hearty approval—for the very simple reason they make such fine fryers, so soon. About the only use I have for an egg is that it may produce a fryer.

Lumber Leads Area's Resources But Ores Offer Strong Secondary Industry, Copco Executive States

Utilization of Oregon's natural resources was examined briefly by Glenn Jackson, California-Oregon Power Company vice president, Monday noon.

He spoke to members of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce in the Civic Room of the Umpqua Hotel.

Super Hot Rod Driver Finally Tagged By Cops

SEATTLE — Traffic police in the Seattle area heaved a sigh of relief Tuesday — the driver of a 248-horsepower hot rod has been arrested and charged with speeding and reckless driving.

The car, a super-souped-up 1940 Ford coupe, has three carburetors in time trials at 133 miles an hour, and reportedly has been clocked by the driver, John D. Acheson, said it was capable of 140.

Two deputies tagged Acheson after a five-mile, high-speed chase through downtown Seattle and over the Lake Washington Floating Bridge.

In filing the complaint against Acheson Monday, Prosecutor Charles O. Carroll said:

"State Patrolman Hugh Ferguson, I'm told, takes off after this coupe every time he sees it, but has never been able to catch it, and is becoming frustrated."

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

President Truman says he won't be a candidate for re-election and will not accept a renomination.

Were you surprised?

If so, you shouldn't have been. What happened in New Hampshire and Minnesota provided the tip-off.

Before New Hampshire and Minnesota, it looked like Truman was the white hope of the Fair Deal bureaucrats and the welfare state. Every time he said something that seemed to indicate he might not run again, these worthies shivered in their boots. As soon as they could speak through their chattering teeth, they said to him:

"Boss, you can't DO THIS TO US. If you don't run, WE'RE OUT! You've GOT to run."

Put yourself in Truman's place. Personally, I've doubted that he WANTS to run again. But, within the limits of political necessity, he is a kindly man. In him, the herd instinct is highly developed. His first rule of conduct is to stick by your friends. He has proved that over and over again.

Until recent weeks, he has been

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The Weather

Partly cloudy today and mostly cloudy with occasional rain to night and Wednesday.

Highest temp. for any April — 86

Lowest temp. for any April — 59

Highest temp. last 24 hours — 59

Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 38

Precip. last 24 hours — 0

Precip. from April 1 — 0

Sunset today, 6:39 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 5:54 a.m.

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Third World War Not Near, Stalin Declares

No Closer Than 3 Years Ago, He Says

Soviet Premier Replies To Questionnaire Sent By American Editors

NEW YORK (AP) — Prime Minister Stalin said Tuesday a third world war is no closer now than it was two or three years ago — that is, before the Korean outbreak.

The Soviet leader sent this message to a group of U.S. newspaper and radio editors who had solicited his views.

The answer was another in a series of statements that have come from the Kremlin in response to requests from the West.

Some U. S. officials say Stalin answers such queries when the action fits Russian propaganda aims.

James L. Wick, Miles, Ohio publisher, announced the exchange, as follows:

Q. Is a third world war closer now than two or three years ago?

A. No, it is not.

Q. Would a meeting of the heads of the great powers be useful?

A. Possibly it would be useful.

Q. Do you consider the present moment opportune for the unification of Germany?

A. Yes, I do.

Q. On what basis is co-existence of capitalism and Communism possible?

A. Peaceful co-existence of capitalism and Communism is quite possible if there is a mutual desire for cooperation, if there is a readiness to fulfill the undertaken obligations, if there is observance of the principle of equality and not interference in the internal affairs of the other states.

Europe's Defense Deters

There was nothing essentially new in the Stalin statement. He said in February, 1951, that a third world war need not be considered inevitable.

U. S. officials, in general, have said Stalin does not want to go to war under the present conditions of Soviet armament.

Gen. Eisenhower and Washington leaders have declared that the rearmament of Europe will stay his hand.

A proposed meeting of the leaders of the big powers — such as Stalin, President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill — has been a subject of debate for years.

Stalin said in January, 1949, he had no objection to meeting President Truman at a mutually acceptable place — but restricted

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HEARTWARMING CIVIC ENDEAVOR is shown by this group of Fullerton Bonnie Blue Birds winding up their club project of providing bedding for the city jail. Chief of Police Ted Mazac, glowing over the attention of so many lovely young ladies, is pictured accepting a quilt from Ginger Darby. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

Private Slays Officer As Way To Quit Army

LAMPASAS, Tex. (AP) — A 19-year-old private shot a young officer to death as a way out of the Army Monday while bewildered onlookers sat motionless.

District Atty. James K. Evetts of Belton, Tex., quoted Pvt. Michael F. Kunak of Baltimore, Md., as saying, "I decided the best way to get out of the army was to kill a man."

Evetts said Kunak made an oral statement to him, other officers and in the presence of a newspaper reporter regarding the fatal shooting of 2nd Lt. Howard Williamson, about 22, of Washington, North Carolina, around noon Monday.

Williamson was shot in a Long Horn maneuvers bivouac. Witnesses said a young soldier walked into the officers' mess tent of the 82nd Airborne Division Signal Company, leveled a .30 caliber carbine at Williamson and fired. Then the soldier told startled officers, "I don't have any more ammunition."

Evetts said Kunak told of numerous efforts to get an army discharge.

"I had nothing against the man," Evetts quoted Kunak as saying. "There's nothing straight in my mind. I know I was wrong."

Kunak was jailed by Sheriff Luther B. Person who said the young private used a bullet he had made out of a blank cartridge.

The sheriff expressed the opinion the youth would be turned over to the Army authorities.

U.S. Prisoners Of War Voted \$1.50 Daily Pay

WASHINGTON (AP) — House passage sent to the Senate Monday a bill to pay U.S. military and civilian prisoners of war \$1.50 daily for each day they were forced to work or were treated inhumanely in violation of International Law during World War II.

The bill also authorizes the War Claims Commission to pay religious and charitable organizations and their personnel for an estimated 20 million dollars in losses or damages in the Philippines as a result of World War II.

A bill covering only claims of the religious and charitable institutions has passed the Senate.

Preliminary Hearing On Check Count Waived

Richard Valentine Smith, 32, Crescent City, Calif., waived preliminary hearing in district court Monday during arraignment on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

Arrested by Roseburg police, Smith is accused of passing a \$10 bad check locally under the alias of Michael J. McGuire. He is held in \$500 bail.

Dairies Offer Patrons Butter-Or-Oleo Choice

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Accepting the strategy that "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em," dairies throughout Rhode Island offered customers a choice of margarine Tuesday.

Many dairies reported housewives wouldn't buy butter at current high prices and one said margarine sales are running 10 to one over butter.

Another company, anxious to recapture lost trade, delivered free introductory packages of margarine with milk orders.

Ike Writes Friend He Can't Return By May 15

DALLAS, (AP) — A Dallas business man friend of Gen. Eisenhower said Tuesday the general has written him that he will not be able to return to the United States by May 15.

James K. Beach had written Eisenhower suggesting he return to this country between the 10th and 15th of May. The Dallas Times Herald quoted the general as replying in part:

"On one point you mention, I feel impelled to give you a reply. It is that I am convinced that present circumstances and existing commitments here will not permit my return by the time you have indicated."

Holland's Queen On Way For Visit With Trumans

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands (AP) — Queen Juliana of the Netherlands — cheered by thousands of her subjects — left by plane Tuesday for a month's visit to the United States and Canada.

Traveling with her are her husband, Prince Bernhard, Dutch Foreign Minister Dirk U. Stikker and 11 others.

A main purpose of her trip is to say "thank you" for American aid to The Netherlands since the war.

In Washington, where she will make a three-day state visit, the queen will be the first guest of President and Mrs. Truman in the rebuilt White House.

Arsonist Blamed For Fires In Seven Autos

PORTLAND (AP) — Flames sprang up inside seven automobiles here Monday night in little less than an hour. All burning cars had been parked on the West Side, four of them within a few blocks of each other in the Northwest district.

Last week five cars were similarly burned.

Firemen said it appeared that someone lighted paper matches and dropped them in after first tossing in some inflammable liquid possibly lighter fluid.

The interiors of four of the cars were burned out. The other three had damage to the front seats only.

Falling Snag Deals Death To Logger

Norman G. Vredenburg Woods Tragedy Victim Near Myrtle Creek

A Myrtle Creek logger was killed instantly Monday afternoon when struck on the head by a falling limb, reports Deputy Coroner Robert A. Ganz.

He was identified as Norman Gilbert Vredenburg, 32.

According to Ganz, the accident occurred about four miles north-east of Myrtle Creek on Bilger Creek while Vredenburg was felling a snag.

The snag was leaning on another tree and as it fell the limb was thrown back. It struck Vredenburg on the head and crushed his skull, Ganz said.

Vredenburg was carrying a saw and was unable to scramble over a pile of brush and trimmings to safety.

He was associated with his brother, Richard, in a logging operation.

The victim and his family had moved to Myrtle Creek a few months ago from Bremerton, Wash. He was born May 23, 1919, in Glendive, Mont., and served in the Navy during World War II.

Survivors include the widow, Rose; two sons, Gary and Donald; a brother, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Vredenburg, all of Myrtle Creek.

The remains will be shipped to Bremerton by Ganz Mortuary, Myrtle Creek, today. Funeral services will be held Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Bremerton.

Four Persons Die When Fire Hits S.F. Hotel

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Flames roared through a four-story residential hotel in one of San Francisco's older districts early Tuesday.

Four died. Upwards of a dozen, mostly old age pensioners, were injured.

The dead: Mrs. Mildred Sutherland, about 48; her son, Melvin Sutherland, 9; Mrs. Margaret Hamblin, 70; and Mrs. Lena Schiff, about 60.

Four policemen on duty near the hotel — located on the corner of Fillmore and Fell streets — were credited with keeping the death toll as low as it was.

On hearing the alarm, they raced to the hotel, and ran through it, pounding on every door.

Fire Chief Edward P. Walsh, estimated damage at \$60,000.

U.S. Pilots Bag 13 Red Planes; Ten Damaged

SEOUL, Korea, (AP) — U. S. Sabre pilots Tuesday shot down 13 Communist MIG-15 fighter planes, the second highest bag for any day in the Korean War.

The U. S. Fifth Air Force said they also probably destroyed three other MIGs and damaged 10.

In one of Tuesday's eight separate battles, Col. Francis S. Gabreski of Oil City, Pa., commander of the 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing, became the eighth U. S. jet ace by shooting down a MIG in an ambush. It raised his total for the Korean fighting to five and one-half MIGs. Five kills make an ace.

A total of 319 MIGs and at least two of the new MiG-17s — "type 17" Russian built jets were involved in the eight battles. The Allies had a little more than half that number in the air. Some of the fights lasted as long as 30 minutes. The action reached nearly seven miles up in at least one battle.

U. S. losses in the battles, if any, will be announced in a weekly summary.

Fifth Air Force said its planes destroyed eight MIGs, probably destroyed eight and damaged 55 in March. It said four U.S. jets were shot down in air fights in the month.

Yoncalla Mother Dies Of Home Fire Burns

COTTAGE GROVE (AP) — A woman, seriously burned a month ago in a fire at her Yoncalla home, died Monday in a hospital here.

She was Mrs. June Gladys Hoyt, 29, who ran into her flaming house to get her son. She did not know that the 2-year-old boy already had been carried to safety.

Her husband, Mervin, who rushed into the house to rescue her, still is being treated for burns. Three children survive.

Republicans Will Choose 30 Delegates

Pre-Election Survey Makes Taft Favorite; Kefauver Sure Victor

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Wisconsin voters, by the thousands, thronged to the polls early Tuesday in the state's primary election, and indications multiplied that a record-breaking total vote may be in the making.

At several points, waiting queues of people caused officials to open the polls before the scheduled hour.

Politicians said the big early balloting probably indicates an unusually large number of independent voters. The three main Republican candidates, especially, all made special appeals, during their campaigns, to the independents.

On the GOP section of the ballot, Sen. Robert A. Taft, Gov. Earl Warren, of California, and Harold E. Stassen — victor in the 1948 Wisconsin primary — are competing for the state's 30 delegates.

Taft was the indicated favorite. Two surveys by Wisconsin newspapers, each polling its own county put him ahead of the other two. The second survey, late last week, indicated that Warren was gaining, however.

Kefauver Win Certain

Sen. Estes Kefauver, of Tennessee, is the principal Democratic candidate and a victory for him is considered practically a foregone conclusion, now that the President has said he would not be a candidate.

The Republicans are competing for 30 delegates to their national nominating convention; 28 convention votes are at stake on the Democratic side; with Kefauver ranged against two "favorite son" states, hitherto representing Truman.

The allocation of delegates, however, is actually a score-board that carries vast importance. It may radically affect the outlook for all the candidates, but especially for Sen. Taft.

Taft has made a supreme effort in Wisconsin.

In two weeks, he travelled some 2,300 miles, visiting every major city and most of the cross-roads points, averaging six and seven speeches a day, touring factories, holding news conferences and meeting people.

Some of the best political brains in the state helped map his campaign and advised him at every step along the way. One of them told this reporter, months ago, "Wisconsin is the big one for us. This is the one we're concentrating on."

Smashing Okay Needed

Taft was defeated in New Hampshire by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. Not long afterward, Eisenhower received an unprecedented 106,000 votes, all of them written in on the ballot, in Minnesota.

Consequently, observers feel that Taft needs a smashing victory in Wisconsin to offset these earlier developments. He has made every effort to achieve it.

In eleven-hour statements, he expressed confidence and said he expected to win either 22 or 24 of the total 30 delegates.

To do so, he must roll up the biggest total vote.

State law awards 10 delegates-at-large to the candidate with the biggest vote for vote. There are 10 districts, each with two delegates and the candidate who carries the individual district gets its two delegates.

Nebraska Race Of Ike And Taft Write-In Affair

OMAHA (AP) — Sunny skies and crisp weather brought voters flocking to the polls across Nebraska Tuesday in numbers that indicated a near-record vote may be piling up in this important presidential testing place.

Everything pointed to a big write-in vote for the GOP presidential candidate Sen. Taft of Ohio and Gen. Eisenhower whose names are not on the ballot. But there was no immediate indication of how the tide of sentiment was running.

Holding the center of attention was the hotly contested write-in drives for Taft and Eisenhower.

Running a close second was the Democratic contest between Sen. Kefauver of Tennessee and Sen. Kerr of Oklahoma.

There appeared to be no clear-cut choice in either race. None of the candidates was making any optimistic claims of victory.

Illegal Possession Of Game Draws Fine

Illus Alvon McBride, 24, Rt. 4, Box 1085, Roseburg, a fine of \$75 Monday after he had pleaded guilty to the charge in district court.

Similar charges against three other persons filed by state police Monday were dismissed by Judge A. J. Geddes.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Senator Taft might find it appropriate to shift his political ambition to the vice-presidency. The holder of that office is generally referred to as the "forgotten man."