

Eisenhower Attacks Truman Charge



Is Ike a Sinner... Or a GOP Saint?

Mamie Cheered; Ike 'Noncommittal'

By Charles Grover
Member, UO Young Democrats

Dwight D. Eisenhower was in town last night and said: he had always wanted to come to Eugene; he believed in the youth of America; and he was for decency and honesty in government.

Of the great issues which face this country and the American voter in November, Eisenhower had nothing to say. One waited in vain for a single constructive idea looking to the solution of these problems. The forthright and exhaustive analysis of issues in which Adlai Stevenson engages, does not seem to commend itself to the general.

The general had, of course, a story to tell his listeners. Discerning voters who sought in Eisenhower the qualities of statesmanship might have been disappointed with the general's account of the young soldier whose novel idea enabled our tanks to tackle hedgerows in France—a story, incidentally, which they might all have read in a recent issue of the Readers Digest.

As a speaker the general was far less effective than his running mate and lacked the latter's undoubted histrionic talent. The crowd cheered the general repeatedly, but it would be difficult for any one to claim that the cheers were provoked by any significant utterance of the general. The loudest applause occurred when the general announced: "With your permission I would like to introduce Mrs. Eisenhower."

The general said that his "crucifix" (Please turn to page seven)

Republican Claims City Ovation Great

By John Tonack
President, UO Young Republicans

Eugene gave General Dwight D. Eisenhower the greatest ovation it has given any man in the history of the city.

A crowd estimated between 15, and 20,000 milled around the Southern Pacific depot to welcome the Republican candidate for the President of the United States. As the campaign train neared the depot the Eugene High School Band and the cheering crowd watched excitedly for the man that they had come miles to see.

Watching Eisenhower begin his talk, I was deeply moved by the "common touch" of this great American and tears ran unashamedly down my cheeks. Never before have I felt such a warmth toward a political candidate. And the people gathered around me echoed my sentiments.

The General spoke to the people in a way that was reminiscent of Abraham Lincoln, another great Republican. His speech was one of gratitude and appreciation toward the American people, and of thanks for their consideration toward him.

He told of the story of the army sergeant who had devised the tank hedgerow fork in World War II which had saved thousands of American lives, pointing out that only in America could every man receive self recognition like this.

It was the same IKE that Americans had loved during the years of conflict. The man, smiling, humble and friendly. I think that every one in the assembled crowd felt

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IKE AND MAMIE EISENHOWER
An Axe for the General, a hat for Mamie

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The Emerald Experiments...

In column five of this paper, the Emerald story of Republican candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower's Tuesday night talk appears. There are, however, two more descriptions of that speech on today's front page.

The stories in columns one and two were written by John

Tonack, president of the campus Young Republicans, and Charles Grover, member of the Young Democrats here. When we gave them the assignment we said only "give us your account of the talk."

We thought the results would be interesting. We hope you do to.

Ike Remains 'Hidden' on Special; GOP Party Dignitaries Hop Train

By Larry Hobart
Emerald Editor

The most difficult thing to see on the Eisenhower Special is Eisenhower.

The general-turned-politician is bottled off from minor politicians, guests and the press. Party workers stand guard at the entrance to his section. Reporters may get a press conference but there are no private interviews.

Five minutes before the Special entered Eugene, Ike came into the guests' car. He was dressed in a dark brown double-breasted suit. He shook hands, gave a grin and was gone.

Republican party guests and dignitaries hop the train at stops along the route. If they can't see Ike, they take the next best thing. Stars on the trip from Albany to Eugene were Martin Agronsky, American Broadcasting Co. commentator; Oregon's Governor Douglas McKay; and Senator and Mrs. William Knowland of California.

Agronsky was collared by a party worker as soon as she stepped into the car. He shook a few hands and was then cornered by a plump matron who thought he was wonderful-but-couldn't-agree-with-the-things-he-said. Agronsky defended his position: "I call 'em as I see 'em." Agronsky gave the lady his autograph, she laughed, he left.

McKay, Senator Knowland and Mrs. Knowland went down the aisle shaking hands and exchanging party greetings. "Are they going to bring him (Ike) out," one guest quizzed McKay. "I don't know," McKay answered. "I just work here."

When the train pulled into Eugene, Republicans on the train got excited. "Look at the crowd. Look at that crowd." One enthusiastic party member estimated that 10,000 persons were present.

There are about 90 reporters on the train but the figure varies when local press comes aboard. Traveling correspondents have individual compartments, a lounge and a working car. Through the PA system they can cover Ike's back platform talks without leaving the train.

Radio broadcasts by newsmen traveling with Eisenhower are made off the train. In case of a tie-up, telephone lines are connected with the train. Reporters file their stories at telegraph offices where the train stops.

During Eisenhower's speech newsmen sat in the press car listening, smoking and talking. Few took notes. Some typed. When Ike swung into an attack on Truman, reporters jumped to their typewriters. "This makes me mad," one newsman said, "I just heard a spot broadcast saying that he laid off Truman all day."

Listener Killed By Heart Attack; 5,000 Estimated

By Al Karr
Emerald Managing Editor

Defending against the charge that he aided in a U.S. policy of concession to Russia in 1945, GOP Presidential candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower said his policy had been "Hope for the best and prepare for the worst" at the Southern Pacific depot Tuesday night.

One of the crowd died of a heart attack during Eisenhower's address. He was Charles Albert Young, 60, of Springfield.

The crowd, estimated at 5000 was said by Eisenhower's party to be the largest station platform reception yet on this "whistle-stop" trip.

Eisenhower, in an often-halting but well-received speech, was referring to his statement in 1945 that nothing so motivates Russian policy as a desire for friendship with the United States. Truman has criticized Ike for being as much to blame as anyone for past American mistakes. Eisenhower lashed back from the rear of the platform, recalling that it was also at Eugene, in 1948, that Truman said of Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin, "I like good old Uncle Joe," saying Stalin was a prisoner of his associates.

Ike stood up for his own policy in 1945 of building up America's defenses, but of cultivating Soviet friendship.

Throughout his speech Eisenhower asked that "we admit our mistakes," going on to say that the record of the present administration speaks for itself, without pinning responsibility on any one

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Big, Quiet Crowd Greet's Ike's Stop

By Kitty Fraser
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Ike said it was one of the biggest crowds he'd ever seen.

It was big, estimated at 5000, but they were silent and at times apparently disinterested. The crowd that gathered to hear the Republican presidential nominee were predominantly young or middle aged, many being University and high school students. They appeared to be more curious than anything else.

Probably the best response came at the end of Eisenhower's speech when he introduced his wife, Mamie, to the crowd. Mrs. Eisenhower was given a bouquet of red gladiolus and a small red hat which she promptly put on and adjusted in the reflection of the window behind her.

A few were more colorful in their turn out to hear Ike. Henry Wilson, an Oregon extension student, was carrying a pogo stick boosting Robert Taft, whom Eis-

enhower defeated at the Chicago convention. He said he got the stick at the convention. A few Ike buttons decorated the stick, however.

A homemade sign lettered "Eisenhower, the man of the hour" was carried by Cecil F. Hammond of Springfield. The elderly Hammond said, "We hope and we think he'll do the right thing and get the country out of the mess it's in."

The Roseburg "Paul Bunyans" in red hats, shirts and blue jeans, presented Eisenhower with a large axe, "to clean out the dead wood in Washington" and an honorary membership in the organization.

Three young girls were sporting "Ike" across their blouses, spelled out in Ike buttons. Members of several Eugene junior high rally squads were also running through the crowd.

A group of "I Go Pogo" signs appeared in the crowd and there were several other groups of high

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