

Lodge Tosses Ike's Hat Into Primary Race

New York Times Joins Eisenhower's Backers

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Times announced Sunday night that it would support Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower "enthusiastically" if he becomes the Republican candidate for President. The newspaper, which has supported GOP presidential candidates only twice in the past 30 years, announced its position in an editorial. The Times gave foreign policy as a major reason for its decision this time.

CHICAGO (AP)—The Chicago Sun-Times, which backed President Truman in 1948, announced its support Sunday night of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for President.

HOUSTON (AP)—Jack Porter, sparkplug of the Eisenhower movement in Texas, promised Sunday an old-fashioned "door knocking, bell ringing" campaign to nominate the general for President. Porter, a member of the Republican State Executive Committee, said "we're going to get the Texas delegation for Eisenhower."

LONDON (AP)—The London News-Chronicle Monday called Sen. Lodge's announcement that Gen. Eisenhower's name had been entered in the New Hampshire primary "a piece of world news of the first class."

A column-long editorial in the News-Chronicle said: "If he becomes President, it would be received with wide acclamation on this side of the Atlantic."

ALBANY, N. Y. (AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, twice defeated Republican presidential candidate, repeated Sunday his prediction that General Eisenhower will be the GOP nominee this year and will be elected.

Dewey announced his support of Eisenhower more than a year ago.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Squire

Today a new day dawns for the barber, master and journeyman. For Salem barbershops will be closed, most of them, putting into effect the new five-day week. Monday will be the barbers' day off, along with Sunday.

Now what will the barber do with his Monday? He can't go fishing this time of year. Monday is no day for travel. His cronies are all working. The "old lady" won't want him cluttering up the house all day long. He'll find excuses for putting off. He'll have a queer feeling: Monday, and nothing to do. No shop to tend, no customers to greet, no stories to tell and none to learn. After a succession of Mondays however he will come adjusted to the change, just as plumbers have to their non-work-Saturdays. He will develop fresh routines or new interests.

Barbering is an old occupation, once including the art of surgery. But it has been undergoing change. The Albany Democrat-Herald in a nostalgic mood the other day noted some of the changes. For example shaving is no longer the chief business of the barber, which, as the D-H noted, voids the line of the old song "And the barber kept on shaving." He's doing hair-trims now and doesn't want to be bothered with shaves.

Not that he has much chance to shave. Mr. Gillette changed all that. The safety razor took that work away from shops and put it in the home, about the only shift in that direction which has occurred as a result of invention. It encouraged (Continued on editorial page 4.)

Death Toll of 16 Feared in Fire

WESTFIELD, Mass. (AP)—Sixteen persons were feared burned to death Sunday night in a fire which swept a four-story business and apartment block.

Thirteen others were rescued over ladders and hospitalized, one in serious condition.

Fire Chief Jeremiah A. Moriarty said he believed the missing were "still in the building." One body was seen by firemen but the flames were so widespread that it was impossible to reach it.

Police said the missing included 14 occupants of upper floor apartments and two boys employed in a top floor bowling alley.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN COODRICH

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"Huh! You said a necktie!"

No Direct Word From Ike

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Lodge (R-Mass.) said Sunday that acting on assurances from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower that he is a Republican, he is entering the general's name in the New Hampshire presidential primary.

He said Eisenhower "is prohibited by Army regulation from engaging directly or indirectly in a nomination campaign" while in uniform, but that he is certain the general is in the presidential race "to the finish."

His announcement, heralded in advance as "good news" for GOP supporters of the 61-year-old general, included no written statement from Eisenhower approving entry of his name in the New Hampshire primary or saying anything about party affiliation.

Exchange of Letters
Lodge, national manager of the GOP Eisenhower-For-President move, made public an exchange of letters with Gov. Sherman Adams of New Hampshire about the legal requirements for entering the general's name in the state's primary on March 11. It was the first in the nation.

Lodge suggested at a crowded Sunday news conference, that newsmen check his statements about Eisenhower's party affiliation at the general's headquarters in Paris. He said he anticipated his statement the general is a Republican would be confirmed. Refuses Comment
That in itself would be something new. Eisenhower has been

PARIS (AP)—There was no immediate comment Sunday night from either General Eisenhower or his aides on Senator Lodge's Washington announcement that the general's name is being entered in the Republican presidential primary in New Hampshire.

refusing to talk politics. At Paris, however, there was no immediate comment on Lodge's announcement.

Lodge had written Lodge suggesting that if the general's name were to be entered on the New Hampshire ballot, state officials should have some positive assurance of his party affiliation.

Lodge, in reply, said he could not refer the matter directly to the general because Army regulations prohibit Eisenhower from taking part in any political activity while in uniform.

But he said that while Eisenhower was still at Columbia they had conversations in which the general assured him he was a Republican. Any efforts to enter the general's name as a Democrat, therefore, are out of order, Lodge wrote.

Brushed Aside
Previous queries at Eisenhower's Paris headquarters about his political affiliation have been brushed aside, but Lodge invited reporters to try again.

The senator was asked whether he believed a check at Paris would disclose positively that 1. the general is a Republican and 2. that he is in the race for the GOP presidential nomination.

Lodge replied he would anticipate an affirmative answer on both points.

Asked just where inquiries should be made—whether Eisenhower himself, or at the general's headquarters, Lodge replied the headquarters would supply replies.

Demands Question
"You just ask and see what he says," Lodge added.

The Massachusetts senator said he had been in touch with Eisenhower at Paris office but that he had not talked to him by telephone. He said public relations people there would not be surprised at the inquiries.

"I have been in touch with people in his headquarters," Lodge said. Pressed as to whether he was authorized to speak for the general, he said:

"I am speaking for him and I will not be repudiated."

Nap Costs \$700

WASHINGTON, Pa. (AP)—William C. Smith of Wind Gap, Pa., told police it cost him \$700 to take a nap Sunday.

Smith said he picked up a hitchhiker in a car, paid him his auto and went to sleep. When he awoke, he said the hitchhiker was gone and so was Smith's wallet containing the \$700.

Congress Scolded for Wasting Time; Committee Says Leadership Lacking

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress was criticized Sunday by a citizens' committee, on grounds that it wastes its time, is disorganized, lacks "effective leadership" and has "no center of responsibility."

The criticism came from the National Committee for Strengthening Congress as the lawmakers returned to the Capitol for the start of their 1952 session on Tuesday. The committee is a private group of business, labor and agriculture and is headed by Robert Heller, Cleveland business engineer. Some of its earlier recommendations formed the basis for the 1946 Congressional Reorganization Act.

The committee, through Heller, sent to members of Congress a letter listing things it said Congress has failed to do "to operate more effectively." It also cited several "hopeful signs."

But, it said, Congress has not yet attacked four basic problems: "Lack of organization. Lack of responsibility. Failure to control money. Misuse of time."

And, in 1951, the committee continued, Congress didn't do these things which should have been done:

1. Install electric voting equipment to save time.

2. Adopt a Senate rule to limit debate there to pending and relevant business.

3. Divest itself of the heavy workload of private claims legislation. While passing 255 public laws during the last session, the committee said, Congress took time to enact 411 private bills.

Young Hobby Enthusiasts Work at YMCA



Resumption of the Salem YMCA hobby and crafts class found this group of boys deciding on whether to make models, work in leather or some other craft. The classes will be held in the basement of the YM every Friday at 4 p.m. Pictured (left to right) are David Chambers, 1337 Court St.; John Rosebraugh, Salem Route 9; Ted McIlvanna, Willamette University sophomore who will organize class; Clay Newell, 1740 N. 23rd St.; and Asa Daily, 1056 N. 18th St. (Statesman photo.)

Churchill Confers With Top Military Leaders

WASHINGTON (AP)—Britain's Prime Minister Churchill and top military leaders of the United States held a two-hour Pentagon meeting Sunday which Secretary of Defense Lovett called just a social gathering.

A luncheon given by Lovett for the visiting chief of government and diplomatic and military officials was bracketed by two long sessions of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and top British military officers.

They conferred for two and a half hours before the luncheon, then later returned to the office of Gen. Omar Bradley, U.S. Joint Chiefs chairman, for renewed talks.

Although the Sunday Pentagon luncheon provided opportunity for Mr. Churchill to counsel with the American Armed Forces officials, Lovett told reporters that:

"The luncheon was entirely a social affair; no business was conducted at all."

Lovett said he would see Mr. Churchill again Monday when formal meeting are started at the White House.

When Mr. Churchill left the Pentagon, he went to the British Embassy for his customary afternoon nap.

Sunday evening a small dinner was arranged at the Embassy where the Prime Minister will be host to Lovett, Secretary of State Acheson, and General Bradley.

Barber Shops Close Today

A shave or a haircut will be hard to find in Salem today as 42 of the city's 45 barbershops remain closed under the new plan for a five-day week for barbers.

Salem barbers decided recently to remain closed on Monday, a policy already in effect in Albany, Longview, Tacoma, Olympia and all of Yamhill county.

Stassen to Enter Illinois Primary

WASHINGTON (AP)—Harold Stassen announced Sunday he will enter his name in the Illinois primary election on April 8.

Stassen, former governor of Minnesota and now president of the University of Pennsylvania, is seeking the Republican nomination for President. He failed to win it in the 1948 campaign.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	36	31	66
Portland	32	24	63
San Francisco	51	42	1.49
Chicago	27	18	trace
New York	37	31	0.00

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today and tonight with intermittent rain this afternoon and showers tonight. Slightly warmer today with the highest temperature near 40 and the lowest tonight near 32. Salem temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 34.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1	Last Year	Normal
This Year	24.47	25.28
		Normal 15.36

West Germany Unveils Secret Plans for Draft

BONN, Germany (AP)—Western Germany has secretly completed plans for a draft Army modeled on American lines to join the proposed European defense force, Western Allied officials disclosed Sunday.

The top-secret plans—hammered out behind closed doors by former officers from Hitler's Wehrmacht—

call for drafting young Germans between the ages of 18 and 21, the officials said. German military planners estimate that youths in these age groups number at least 1,250,000 men.

The 18-year-olds alone are expected to total about 400,000 or more than enough to form the probable German contingent of 250,000 men in the six-nation European Army.

Fire Damages Residence at Four Corners

Statesman News Service
FOUR CORNERS—Fire here Sunday evening extensively damaged the four-room home of Mrs. Pearl Hall, 530 Lancaster Dr.

Firemen estimated damage to the extent of \$1,500. Volunteer Fire Chief Waldo Miller said the fire apparently started about 7 p.m. from a wood-burning heating stove in the living room when coals fell out a partially open stove door with defective catch.

The living room and furnishings were almost completely charred while the kitchen and one bedroom were badly scorched, firemen said. The property was reported partially covered by insurance.

Mrs. Hall and a daughter were attending church when the blaze broke out. The blaze was reported to firemen by a neighbor boy.

7 Commie Jets Downed in Big Aerial Battles

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—U. S. Sabre jets—outnumbered two to one—shot down two more red-nosed MIGs Monday and damaged two others in the second day of furious air battles high over North-west Korea.

The swept-wing American fighters blasted five of the Russian-built jets from the skies earlier Sunday, and won four spectacular dogfights, for a total Sunday of seven kills.

There was no announcement of any American losses. Under a new policy, the U. S. Fifth Air Force reports losses only in a weekly summary. The North Korean communiqué claimed three Allied planes were shot down during the day, but didn't say where or how.

Altogether 79 U. S. jets were opposed by 196 MIGs. In one of the battles, Sabres of the U. S. 51st Interceptor Wing were outnumbered 21 to 100, but caught the Reds before the enemy planes could drop their cumbersome wing tanks.

The Fifth Air Force communiqué described the Red pilots Sunday as "very aggressive."

Col. Harrison R. Thyn, commander of the U. S. Fourth Fighter Interceptor Wing, told AP Correspondent Milo Farnetti, "It was definitely the roughest battle we've ever been in."

"The Reds were really out for blood. They are getting better every day. They fire more shells from their cannon at our F-86s than ever before."

City Councilmen to Meet with Moores Estate Committee

Salem's City Council, in two informal meetings tonight, will hear a report from City Manager J. L. Franzen and will meet with the Carroll Moores Estate Committee, Mayor Al Loucks said Sunday.

Franzen will report on government in Southern cities. He has just returned from a vacation in that area. The meeting with the Moores estate committee will precede a final decision Jan. 14 on the disposition of the estate left by the late Carroll Moores for a civic memorial.

FOUR DIE IN BLAZE

DETROIT (AP)—Four persons died last Sunday night and a fifth was burned seriously in a fire which gutted a one-room dwelling in which they were sleeping on pallets.

A dispatch from Panmunjom said Hsieh showed a lack of interest in the talks. His interpreter giggled and smirked frequently, an Allied spokesman said.

The meeting was mostly a repetition of past argument.

Adm. Joy Doubts Reds Want Korea Armistice

TOKYO (AP)—Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, chief Allied truce negotiator, said Monday "with each passing day there is less and less reason to think the Communists really want a stable armistice."

Joy berated the Communist truce envoys for their insistence in demanding the right to build air fields during a Korean armistice.

The chief Allied truce envoy said in a statement released on his arrival here for a conference with Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway:

"If the Communists are acting in good faith and sincerely want peace, there can be no reason for them to construct military airfields during the period of an armistice."

Joy told newsmen, "I am making a merely routine visit to talk with General Ridgway and there is nothing unusual about it."

"There is no change in truce negotiations at Panmunjom to prompt this visit."