

IT SEEMS TO ME
By Charles F. Sprague

When the rattle-dazzle of the Lodge Eisenhower statements fades, Republicans will wake up to see the dilemma their party faces. For nomination of Eisenhower for president cannot help but mean the repudiation of all their party majority in the congress has stood for in the field of foreign policy. Ike is the choice of the minority of the senate minority: Duff, Lodge, Saltonstall, Morse. How will the stalwart majority of the minority—Taft, Millikin, Dorksen, Kem, Bricker—feel at the prospect of seeing power delivered into the hands of this group?

It seems apparent that the only reason Eisenhower yielded to pressures was to avert a Taft victory. The two may not differ much on the domestic questions but they do on foreign policy. Ike figures as the legatee of the Hull-Vandenberg-Truman-Acheson bipartisan policy (sadly abraded from both sides in recent years). He rates as a Europe-firster; and that is poison to the opposition who have been so vocally Chiang-firsters.

With Ike as party candidate what happens to McCarthy's campaign about Reds in the State Department? What use may be made of the administration's failure in China, which never drew protest from Eisenhower? It happens that I think those issues were false; but Republican leaders have been building them into a stockpile of ammunition for use in the coming campaign. What can

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Truman Calls Off Entry Into Minnesota Race

WASHINGTON (AP)—Politicians got a new morsel of mystery to chew Tuesday night as it was reported that President Truman has called off his entry of his own name in the Minnesota presidential primary and has backed Senator Humphrey (D-Minn) for the state's preference votes.

Attorney Tells Of Counterfeit Case Witness

PORTLAND (AP)—A witness saw Milton S. Anthony in possession of a mold for making counterfeit dimes while he was in inmate in the State Penitentiary, a U. S. attorney said Tuesday.

The attorney, E. B. Twining, declined to name the witness at Anthony's preliminary hearing here.

State Potato Commission Raps Rollback

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon Potato Commission officials said Tuesday that the announced potato price rollback was unrealistic.

Chairman Scott Warren, Klamath Falls, said the ceiling would result in a price rollback of \$1.60 a bushel. That is unrealistic in view of present economic conditions, he said.

Animal Crackers



Carlson's Ship Snaps Towline in Rough Seas

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Solons to Fight Tax Boost

Taft Sees Victory in Pledges

Backers Ready To Enter Ike in Illinois Race

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) claimed enough pledges Tuesday to give him the Republican presidential nomination if all his backers in the country vote for him.

At the same time John D. M. Hamilton, one of the senator's top campaign aides, said Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower had "pulled the rug out from under" his supporters and left them without a candidate.

The statements from the Taft camp came in response to word from Eisenhower that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization commander would obey a "clearcut call to political duty" but would not take any personal part in a nomination drive.

Eisenhower backers claimed that the Paris statement assured the general's nomination and election.

An outgrowth of Eisenhower's statement was a declaration from Harold E. Stassen, another of the avowed aspirants for the GOP nomination, that his bid is being made on his own and is not "a shadow campaign" for Eisenhower.

The general's outline of his stand also sparked a plan in Illinois to enter a slate of delegates for him in that state's presidential primary.

Taft made his claim of delegate prospects in a talk with a reporter in Washington. He prefaced it with a comment that in his opinion Eisenhower's words reduce him to a mere "draft" possibility.

"I think this will make matters easier for us," the senator said. He stated his count of his own strength this way:

"If all the pledges we have obtained from all over the country can be translated into delegates when they are chosen, I believe we have more than half of the convention votes."

Taft apparently was including votes from the home states of principal Eisenhower backers in his count of strength.

Hamilton, a former chairman of the Republican National Committee, referred to press reports that Lodge, Duff and other Eisenhower leaders were jubilant over the Paris development and went on:

"This is the first time I have ever known anyone to find cause for jubilation in having the rug pulled from under him."

Hamilton concluded that what Eisenhower said amounted to notice that he would not even consider the nomination until the convention is held—"In short the Eisenhower committee does not have a candidate."



GEORGI MALENKOV 50th Birthday Feted

Malenkov Wins Plaudits, Said 'Stalin's Heir'

MOSCOW (AP)—Deputy Premier George Malenkov came in for signal praise on his 50th birthday Tuesday in a way that seemed to have design and special significance.

All leading Soviet newspapers published on their front pages huge portraits of the smiling Malenkov, along with laudatory greetings from the Central Committee of the Communist Party and Council of Ministers calling him a "co-advisor of Comrade Stalin."

The unusual tribute, surpassing that given other Soviet leaders on their decade birthdays except in the case of Premier Stalin himself on his 70th anniversary, may mean the struggle for power inside the Politburo has been settled and that Malenkov has been chosen as Stalin's successor.

The displays stressed his importance in both the party and government, made it plain that he is one of those closest to Stalin, and takes a direct part in the formation of highest government and party policies.

Hoover School Name Chosen

Salem's planned new elementary school finally got a name. Henceforth it will be known as Hoover School.

Approval of the name was given by the Salem School Board at a meeting Tuesday night. It will appear on architects drawings, which until now have called the planned project East Salem School.

The name is not final, the Board said, and can be changed if it seems advisable. They pointed out that the Salem School District has for years followed a policy of naming elementary schools after ex-presidents.

Congressional Session Starts; Truman to Talk

By ROGER D. GREENE WASHINGTON (AP)—The 82nd Congress reconvened Tuesday with Democratic and Republican leaders apparently agreed on fighting any major boost in taxes but far apart on other issues in this critical Presidential election year.

Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., P.S.T., President Truman will address a joint session of both Houses in his annual "State of the Union" message outlining the Administration's legislative program.

The President's speech, which will be heard over all major radio networks, is expected to run about 5,500 words, and will mark the real kick-off of what many legislators forecast as one of the most politically turbulent sessions in history.

Senate GOP leaders promptly served notice they will vigorously oppose any hike in federal taxes and will demand big cuts in government spending.

The President is expected to ask another tax increase and present a multi-billion-dollar spending program in his forthcoming message to Congress.

Distribution of Ike Petitions Due in Oregon

Plan for a statewide distribution of Eisenhower-for-President petitions was mapped Tuesday by William L. Phillips and Mark Hatfield, chairman and executive secretary, respectively, of the Oregon-for-Eisenhower committee.

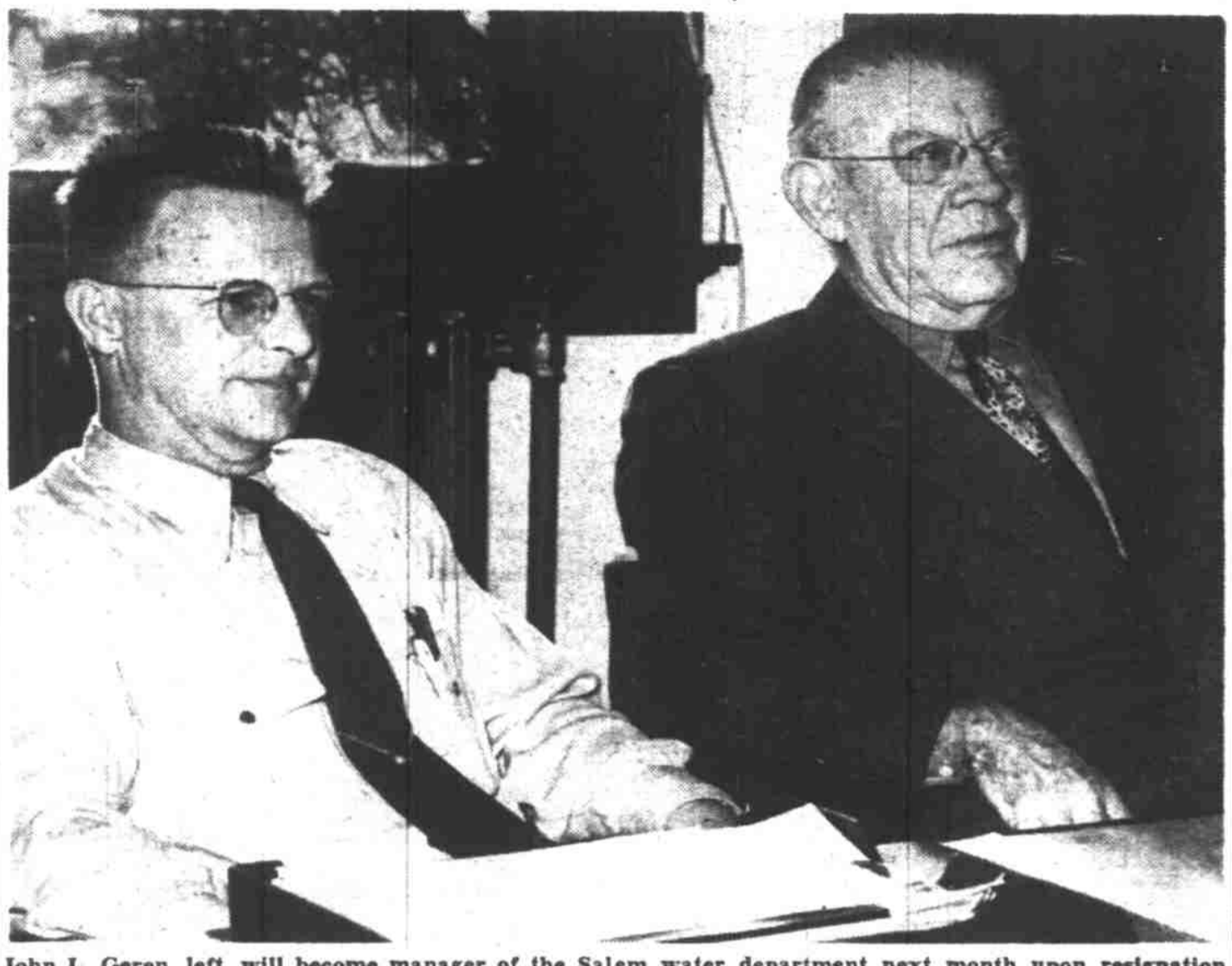
"We don't want just a thousand signatures—we want thousands," Hatfield said.

Phillips and Hatfield are to confer in San Francisco with Sen. Lodge (R-Mass.), national chairman of the GOP campaign for Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, next week. Campaign plans in Oregon will be announced after that meeting, Hatfield said.

McClure Keeps Grange Post

PORTLAND (AP)—The State Grange announced Tuesday that Elmer McClure, Milwaukie, has been named as grange master for a two-year term.

Water System Reins Pass to John Geren



John L. Geren, left, will become manager of the Salem water department next month upon resignation of Carl E. Guenther, right, present manager. Guenther has been with the Salem water department since 1935. Geren has been assistant manager since 1946. (Statesman photo.)

Carl Guenther Resigns Water Bureau Post

Assistant Manager John L. Geren will become head of the Salem water department February 1, succeeding Carl Guenther who resigned Tuesday.

Announcement of the changes was made by City Manager L. L. Franzen who said there would be no immediate appointment of an assistant water manager to replace Geren.

Guenther said he would join the G. M. Slentz company of Salem and the irrigation business. Guenther has been associated with the water system since it was purchased by the city in 1935 from Oregon-Washington Water Service Co. Guenther was maintenance superintendent for four years, then became manager when Cuyler Van Patten died.

Geren, a former Marion County sanitary engineer, joined the water department in April, 1945. He is a civil engineer with degrees from Oregon State College and University of Michigan.

Stayton Hospital Given Federal Funds; Legal Delay Possible

Santiam Memorial Hospital of Stayton is ready to call for construction bids this month, following approval of a \$124,000 federal grant Tuesday at a State Board of Health meeting at the Statehouse.

But Stayton's ambitious plans for a brand new \$400,000 hospital may be held up by legal action, it developed in Portland following the meeting.

Attorney Ernest Burrows of the Physicians and Surgeons Hospital in Portland said that institution would "file an injunction or take other appropriate action against the State Board of Health challenging the manner in which disbursements of Hill-Burton Act federal funds were handled."

Birds Eye Plant Lays Off 160 Woodburn Workers

WOODBURN—About 160 Woodburn-area workers were idle Tuesday following the biggest seasonal shutdown in 10 years at the Birds Eye Food Plant.

"We just don't have anything for them to do," said George Everts, personnel manager.

Everts said the plant will resume operations when the rhubarb crop is ready, "probably in April." A maintenance crew will return to work before that, he added.

Last winter a contract to pack Army rations helped keep nearly 200 employed at the plant. In other recent years the firm was able to keep its core of year-round employees busy by "stringing out work," Everts said.

Checked and Doublechecked

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Transit Service checkers made a check on the adequacy of city checkers checking the adequacy of the Transit Service here Tuesday.

City employees, specially trained for their checking job, made a survey of one of the Public Service Company's routes, but were met by company checkers who made a special check on the nature of the city's check.

City checkers wore black and white lapel buttons for identification. Company checkers wore special hats.

Contract for Jefferson High School Granted

JEFFERSON—Wall-Bartrom-Sandford Construction Co., of Junction City, were awarded the contract Tuesday night to construct the new Jefferson High school.

The firm was low bidder in a field of 10 bidders. Bids ranged from the low of \$274,000 to a high of \$333,554. The bids were opened by the Jefferson school board Tuesday night.

Work on the new school and gym is expected to start Feb. 1 on a new 55-acre tract at the city's north limits. The school will be of reinforced-concrete with a small amount of brick veneer trim. In addition to six classrooms it will also house rooms for homemaking, art, science, library, teachers, health and office.

Highest bidder was Viesko & Post of Salem. Other bidders next in line, from the highest to the lowest, were Waldo S. Hardy & Son, H. L. Shields & Son, Smith & Nelson, Pickford Construction Co., E. E. Batterman, H. G. Carl, Barham Brothers, W. H. Shields Construction Co., and the Junction City firm.

Rocks Add New Danger

LONDON (AP)—The cracked and listing freighter Flying Enterprise broke loose from her five-inch steel towline in rough seas early Wednesday, only 10 miles from the craggy rocks of Lizard Head on the English coast.

Capt. Kurt Carlson and Kenneth Dancy, first mate of the British tug Turmoil, were still aboard the freighter. Voice radio links with them were restored at 3 a. m. after they had been silent for several hours.

Their last lifeboat had been washed away by strong southerly gales that forced the ships to heave to for several hours during the early part of the night.

Salvage men commented when the storm broke that if the towline snapped anywhere around Lizard Head, "The danger to the Flying Enterprise would be immense because she would be subject to strong tidal currents. She would be almost bound to hit the rocks and break up in no time."

Dan Parker, captain of the Turmoil, radioed his London office that "I am standing by to recon-nect at daylight."

\$275,000 Fire Razes Building At John Day

JOHN DAY, Ore.—Fire destroyed a building in the heart of this Eastern Oregon city Tuesday at a loss estimated at \$275,000.

Three stores in the building were destroyed and three neighboring establishments suffered smoke and water damage. The origin of the flames was not established at once.

The fire started in the center of a business block, and engulfed the Sprouse-Reitz Variety Store; a grocery store, Chester's market; and Farley's men's wear store.

An east wind came along at the critical moment and helped push the flames back from the Benson Hotel, Benson's Shoe Store and the Grant County Bank Building. The shoe store, the hotel and a garage-service station, the Bruce-Eddy Pontiac Co., suffered water and smoke damage.

All available men in John Day turned out to fight the flames, which were noticed about 9:30 a. m. Fire departments from John Day, Prairie City, Mt. Vernon, Canyon City and the Prairie City Rural Fire Protection Association battled the blaze 1½ hours before getting it under control.

The destroyed building, owned by Jim Maple, had concrete walls, which helped check the spread of the flames.

Unemployment Compensation Claims Soar

More claims for unemployment compensation than at any time during the extreme mid-winter years ago were taken last week by Salem office of the State Employment Service, state headquarters announced Tuesday. The trend was continuing this week.

THE WEATHER

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	41	22	trace
Portland	44	22	0
San Francisco	50	40	0
Chicago	37	24	0
New York	35	15	0
Los Angeles	64	44	0

Wilmington River 3.5 feet
FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Cloudy, rainy and windy today; decreasing wind tonight with showers continuing. High today 40 to 42, low tonight 30 to 32. Cooler Thursday; Salem temperature at 12:31 a.m. today 34. SALEM PRECIPITATION Since Start of Winter Year, Sept. 1 To a Date Last Year Normal This Year