Taft Wins in Wisconsin, Battles Ike for Lead in Nebraska

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Ike Warns Europe, American Patience, Resources Limited

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED POWERS IN EUROPE (AP)–Gen. Eisenhower warned Europe Wednesday that there is a limit to American resources—and to the patience of American taxpayers unless European nations cooperate fully for the common good.

"There is no real security yet achieved in Europe," he asserted. "There is only a beginning." But he said the tide of battle in the cold war "has begun to ow our way."

Eisenhower made these points in a 12,000-word report marking the end of his first year in command of SHAPE, military headquarters for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization of 14 nations.

His report did not refer to U. S. politics. Eisenhower has indicated he will leave his command this spring to actively enter the presidential campaign.

He struck a note for economy. His report said:

"It would be fatuous for anyone to assume that the taxpayers of America will continue to pour money and resources into Europe unless encouraged by steady progress toward mutual cooperation and full effectiveness. America can not continue to be the primary source of munitions for the entire Free World. To do so would be militarily unsound.

"Moreover the United States can not long continue such expenditures without endangering her own economic structure. The soundness of that structure is of vital, concern to the entire Free World, for its collapse would be a world-shaking tragedy.

"We must be fearful that we do not prove that free countries can be defended only at the cost of bankruptcy."

"As of today, our forces could not offer prolonged resistance east of the Rhine barrier."

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The City Council has under consideration a six-point financial program which will require voter approval. If it is adopted in whole or in part at the council meeting on April 14th the items will be submitted for voter decision in the election on May 16th.

Here they are:

Bond issues:

Street widening	$190,000
New bridges	85,000
Drainage	100,000
Sewers	165,000
Total	440,000

Extra (and continuing) tax levies:

For parks	one mill
For street lighting	two mills

Two years ago the voters approved bond issues as follows: Sewers $600,000, bridges $125,000, drainage $280,000, water reservoir $300,000—a total of $1,305,000. The water bonds are serviced from water department revenues, the others from property taxes. Also in 1950 voters approved a special levy of one mill for purchase of fire equipment and rejected a special levy for airport purposes.

Taxpayer reaction may be that the bonds and extra tax levies are coming fast and heavy. On the other hand the expanded city and larger population (plus higher costs) force assumption of extra burdens.

There may be resistance also to the extra levies because they are continuing, that is will be renewed from year to year without new vote of

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Arrest of Boy Gang, Leader Clears Thefts

Donald Ray Colby, 22, 375 Taylor St., Tuesday pleaded guilty to a charge of receiving and concealing stolen property and is to be sentenced Wednesday. He is being held in lieu of $500 bail.

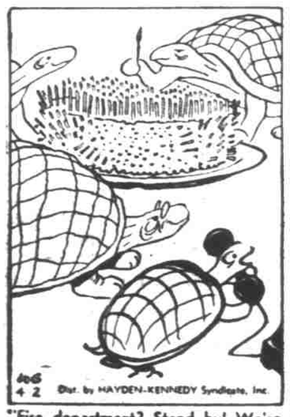
City police revealed Tuesday that Colby is the oldest member of a gang of some seven or eight juveniles who are, by confessions, accounting for approximately $350 of stolen property in Salem. The other members of the gang are all youngsters of about 12 or 13 years of age.

A great percentage of the stolen property has been salvaged by city police. It consists of sporting equipment, clothes, and other odds and ends stolen by the gang. Also money has been acocunted for in confessions, but to this date it is believed to be already spent.

Arrest of Colby and several juveniles have cleared at least six burglaries in the Dallas areas and are accounting for many larcenies in Salem.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Fire department? Stand by! We're going to light Grandpa's cake!"

Ike Compares Arms Line-up Of West, Reds

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED POWERS IN EUROPE (AP)–Gen. Eisenhower Wednesday gave this lineup of the military forces opposing each other across the Iron Curtain in Europe:

Land Forces

Allied—30 divisions. Communist—175 Soviet and 60 satellite divisions.

Air Forces

Allied—4,000 planes by end of 1952. Communist—20,000 planes.

Naval Forces

Allied—U. S. Sixth Fleet, British Home and Mediterranean Fleets, plus supplementary strength from France, Italy, Greece, Turkey and other nations and Allied Rhine River patrol. Communist—300 submarines, 20 cruisers, estimated four battleships and assorted craft.

Atomic Weapons

Allied — secret but powerful. Communist — although inefficient by Western technical standards, according to Eisenhower, Soviet industry a year ago "had already demonstrated it was producing atomic weapons."

ASHLAND BOND VOTE DUE

ASHLAND (AP) – An Ashland school bond election will be held May 1 with the question that of issuing $685,000 worth of bonds to provide increased school facilities.

Clean-Up Crew Cuts Cemetery Undergrowth

Initial "rough clearance" of years of undergrowth in the Odd Fellows Cemetery is being done by the city park department to remove what many city officials have described as "an eyesore" on South Commercial Street. Debris is being trucked from the cemetery for burning. Pictured are C. D. Runner (left) crew chief, and two laborers from the population of the city jail.

Pen Escapee Caught After Nine Years

SEATTLE (AP)–An escapee from the Oregon State penitentiary was apprehended here Tuesday after engaging in a bitter 30-minute hand-to-hand struggle with three policemen and a former police detective.

He was identified by police as Jack Erwin, who escaped from the Oregon institution in 1943. Prior to that he had been convicted in Seattle of the robbery of the Greenwood National Bank in 1927 and sent to the Washington penitentiary for 10 to 15 years.

His arrest was brought about by Ernest W. Yoris, former Seattle detective chief who last saw Erwin in 1933. Yoris, now an airline security officer, spotted Erwin standing in front of the Frye Hotel. He recalled the man was wanted for escaping from the Oregon prison nine years ago.

Yoris called on the police for assistance and they sent three men to the hotel where they found Erwin in the lobby. Yoris grabbed him and the battle started. The five men struggled about the lobby, out the door and onto the street for 30 minutes before the badly-mauled ex-convict was subdued.

Erwin first gave his name as John Peter Osterman, 51, of Spokane. Later he admitted his identity and his escape. He said he had been serving time at Salem for assault and robbery.

He told police he has been working in Alaska summers and at Sand Point, Idaho, winters.

Asked if he had ever been fingerprinted during his trips to Alaska, he replied:

"Dozens of times."

FALLING LIMB FATAL

ROSEBURG (AP)–Norman Gilbert Vredenburg, 32, a logger, was killed near Myrtle Creek Monday by a falling tree limb. He moved to Myrtle Creek recently from Bremerton, Wash.

Hoover School Contract Awarded to Batterman

E. E. Batterman, Salem contractor, was awarded a contract Tuesday night for construction of the new Hoover School north of D Street te the end of Tess Avenue.

Salem School District Board gave the contract to Batterman on his low basic bid of $258,487, which figures at just under $9 a square foot and considerably lower than much recent school construction.

The new elementary school will be similar in size and plan to the new Washington and Lincoln Schools and, like them, will serve the growing population east of Salem city limits. Hayslip, Freeman and Tufts, Portland architect firm, designed the school.

Other bids opened by the school board Tuesday night at the Public School Office Building were by Smith & Nelson, $266,987; Viesko & Post, $270,615; Bickford Construction Co., Portland, $275,300; Wall, Bertram & Sandford, $284,000, and Henry G. Carl, $287,384.

Contractor Batterman said he would start the project in about a week. His contract calls for completion in 135 days, which would put the building ready for use by the next school year's opening in September.

The 10-acre site on which the new school will be located cost the school district $24,000.

School directors also looked over preliminary plans last night for a new school in the Rosedale area south of Salem. Architect James L. Payne submitted drawings of a school with four classrooms and James L. Payne submitted drawings of a school with four classrooms and a multi-purpose room for cafeteria, auditorium and recreation.

Candidate for President Jailed

SAN FRANCISC (AP) – Vincent Hallinan, millionaire presidential candidate of the Progressive Party, surrendered Tuesday to begin serving six months sentence in federal prison.

The wealthy attorney told reporters "I'm proud to go to jail." He twice carried his case to the U. S. Supreme Court in an effort to avoid prison.

He was cited for contempt twice during his defense of Harry Bridges, West Coast longshore leader convicted of perjory conspiracy.

Atomic Blast Fails to Raise Big Concussion

By BELL BECKER

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)–From 16 miles away, I watched an atomic explosion Tuesday. It was quite a sight, but surprisingly its force had no effect in our light plane.

Flying at 11,000 feet, we watched the blast over Frenchman Flat, opening a new series of tests at the far-flung testing grounds northwest of here.

The device—as the AEC called it—was released from an Air Force B-29 exactly at 9 a.m.

The red glow lit up the right side of our plane for about a second and a half.

It was the closest that any unofficial air observer has been to a nuclear explosion since William Lawrence of the New York Times watched the war-ending bomb drop on Nagasaki in 1945.

After the fireball faded, we watched for a breathtaking minute and a half as the usual column of smoke and desert dust erupted into a small rusty mushroom.

Then we braced ourselves for the concussion, which we had expected all along.

But none came. Whatever waves of sound and shock the blast sent out just did not reach us.

By a freak of atmospherics the blast was felt at St. George, Kanarraville and Cedar City, Utah, from 120 to 170 miles to the northeast of the test site.

It can be safely said that Tuesday's experiment involved one of the smaller weapons or weapons-to-be in our atomic arsenal.

McKay Speaks at Ike Rally in Idaho

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—Gov. Douglas McKay of Oregon told an Eisenhower rally Tuesday night that the Republican party must win this election or it may not have another chance.

"For that reason I would support the man easiest to elect," he said.

Pen Releases Con Wanted by Klamath Police

A former Oregon State Prison inmate, released two hours earlier than scheduled at the prison on Monday, is free but wanted today.

John H. Parker, 27-year-old convict, had served a two-year term and was released Monday at about 10 a.m. The catch is that Klamath County authorities wanted him on a forgery charge and were due to take Parker into custody as soon as he stepped through the prison gates. They arrived two hours late.

Prison Warden Virgil O'Malley said that Parker's record plainly showed that Klamath County had a detainer on him. He said it was "just plain carelessness" that allowed Parker to be released before the Klamath deputies arrived to take over.

Parker was last seen Monday afternoon in the Hollywood area where he met an unidentified man in a car. The two took off in the direction of Portland.

Kefauver Outrunning Kerr; Stassen Fades

Eisenhower Holds Slight Edge on Ohioan

By DON WHITEHEAD

OMAHA (AP)–The furious Nebraska presidential primary settled down into a dog-fight between Sen. Taft of Ohio and Gen. Eisenhower early Wednesday with the lead shifting between them.

Taft took an early lead in the vote count from Tuesday's primary, lost it, won it back, and then lost it again in the see-saw struggle.

Harold Stassen was running a strong third behind Eisenhower and Taft although he had the advantage of having his name on the ballot. All the Taft-Eisenhower votes were write-ins.

All indications were Stassen was pulling strength from Eisenhower.

On the Democratic side Sen. Kefauver of Tennessee took the lead from Sen. Kerr of Oklahoma early in the count and steadily widened the gap.

Returns from 595 of 2058 precincts:

Republicans

Eisenhower 12,999
Taft 12,887
Stassen 10,814
Mrs. Mary Kenny (stand-in for MacArthur) 1,772.

Democrats

Kefauver 6794
Kerr 5180

The returns were slow because of the long and complicated ballot an da near-record vote drawn to the polls in large part by the bitterly-contested presidential popularity contest.

There were some write-in votes for MacArthur, President Truman, Gov. Warren of California and others but they were an insignificant part of the total.

The early returns reflected a political curiosity in which the candidate on the ballot—Stassen—was running behind two candidates whose names were names were not on the ballot.

The Taft - Eisenhower write - in campaigns began about two weeks ago with both sides conducting drives to "educate" the voters on how to use a blank line on the ballots privided for write-in votes.

But this task was complicated by an attorney's general's ruling ruling that the voters must spell out the last name of a candidate and also mark an "X" in the square before his name to make the ballot legal.

There were no immediate reports on whether ballots with misspelled names and without "X's" in the square were thrown out by election judges as spoiled ballots.

In the state's hotly-contested GOP senatorial race, Sen. Hugh Butler took an early lead over Gov. Val Peterson. Butler is regarded as a Taft supporter while Peterson is known to lean toward Eisenhower.

Wisconsin

(2,994 out of 3,024 precincts)

Taft	290,249
Warren	232,723
Stassen	152,869
Kefauver	180,722
Pro-Truman	16,951
Unpledged	15,825

Nebraska

(595 out of 2,058 precincts)

Ike (write-in)	12,999
Taft (write-in)	12,887
Stassen	10,814
Pro-MacArthur	1,772
Ke fauver	6,794
Kerr	5,180

Arnall Fears Steel Strike Unavoidable

WASHINGTON (AP)–Grave doubt that an April 8 strike in the nation's steel industry can be avoided was expressed Tuesday by Ellis Arnall, price stabilization director. "I hope for the best, but fear the worst," Arnall told newsmen.

His comment came after a conference on prices with President Benjamin Fairless of the U. S. Steel Corp. Arnall indicated he is standing fast against giving the steel industry any special price concessions to encourage it to accept a government proposal for a wage increase.

The industry faced the choice, assuming that the administration continues adamant in opposing a price boost, of (1) refusing to accept the suggested pay raise for CIO steel workers and thereby triggering an almost certain strike, or (2) granting the pay increase and trying to get along on present prices.

So far the industry has said it cannot possibly absorb the suggested 17½ cent hourly pay boost, and other benefits, to Philin Murray's million CIO Steelworkers without compensating price increases.

The steel crisis brought about the resignation of Mobilization Chief Charles E. Wilson last week end.

WASHINGTON (AP)–The White House has asked Justice Department experts to comb the statute books for possible laws under which the government could seize the steel industry in the event of a strike.

John Steelhammer Due to Become Acting Governor

John H. Steelhammer, Salem attorney who was speaker of the house at the 1951 State Legislature, will become acting governor this week end when both Gov. Douglas McKay and Senate President Paul Patterson are out of the state.

Patterson became acting governor Tuesday when the governor left for a conference of state executives in Chicago. Patterson expected to leave Thursday for Phoenix, Ariz., for an interstate meeting on highway problems.

Margaret Got $3,000 For Portland Concert

PORTLAND (AP)–Margaret Truman got $3,000 for her concert here Saturday night, the manager of the municipal auditorium reported Tuesday.

He said she got a guaranteed fee, plus a percentage of the gate. The audience of 3,629 paid a gross of $6,897, he said.

Liquor by Drink Initiative Filed

A proposed initiative measure to allow sale of liquor by the drink in Oregon was filed with the State Department Tuesday.

The petition, which would go on the November election ballot if 26,282 signatures are obtained by July 3, is sponsored by Cecil W. Jones, Paul Walsh and T. E. Fenolio, all of Portland.

It would legalize sale of liquor by the drink in private clubs, fraternal and veterans organizations, on railroads and in restaurants.

A similar measure was defeated in 1948 by the voters, 273,621 to 210,108.

An initiative measure to ban sale of all liquor in Oregon also is being circulated.

WATER SUPPLY GOOD

BURNS (AP)–The John Day-Harney basin area will have plenty of water for all its farm needs this year, water forecasters said here Tuesday.

Warren Holds Second Spot In Wisconsin

BY JACK BELL

MILWAUKEE (AP)–Sen. Taft of Ohio surged toward a vital presidential race victory Wednesday promising him 24 of Wisconsin's 30 Republican convention delegates.

With more than two-thirds of the state's precincts counted in Tuesday's primary election, the Ohio senator swept the state-wide race in which 10 presidential nominating delegates were elected.

With a show of strength in Milwaukee's silk stocking Fifth Congressional District, Taft apparently pulled out at least two of the four district delegates elected by this late counting city.

Warren to Get Four

Gov. Warren of California—a possible beneficiary of votes from Republicans who want Gen. Eisenhower to become their party's nominee—seemed on the way to getting a total of six out of 20 delegates elected in district contests.

It looked like a shutout for former Gov. Stassen of Minnesota, who slipped into third place in a state where he won 18 of 25 delegates in the 1948 GOP presidential contest.

Stassen had offered to deliver to Eisenhower half of any delegates he got. The general's name wasn't on the ballot and couldn't legally be written in.

Wins City Votes

Warren rode a tide of votes to a probable victory over Taft in Milwaukee's Fourth District, largely an industrial area. He also grabbed a substantial lead in the district which includes Madison, the state capital.

But outside of that, it was all Taft in a state which he said in advance would be a "key" test of his ability to attract popular votes.

In the state-wide race to elect 10 at-large delegates, the count from 2,994 of 3,204 precincts gave: Taft 290,249; Warren 232,723; Stassen 152,869.

A slate running for Gen. MacArthur, who said he isn't a candidate, polled 24,039 votes and Perry J. Stearns, Milwaukee attorney, got 2,731.

Kefauver Winning

Sen. Kefauver of Tennessee, the ex-crime prober, appeared to have tucked the state's 28 Democratic presidential nominating votes under his belt.

With Kefauver rolling along with more than 80 per cent of the at-large vote, Charles E. Broughton of Sheboygan heading a rival "draft-Truman" slate conceded defeat.

A third, uninstructed slate, headed by Jerome Fox, was running just ahead of the Broughton group.

In 2,994 precincts, Kefauver had 180,722; Fox 16,951 and Broughton 15,825.

If the expected victory here were combined with a possible win in the Nebraska primary, Kefauver would be in a top position among announced candidates to succeed President Truman as the Democratic nominee.

Thaw Floods Midwest Area

By The Associated Press

Quick spring thaws sent flood waters on the rampage in parts of the Midwest Tuesday.

The floods hit areas of the Dakotas, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa causing considerable damage. Homes were evacuated, business houses were flooded, and dikes were battered down.

The swollen Root River punched through an embankment at Houston, Minn., spilling two feet of water over the business district.

The flood caused extensive damage in Southeastern Minnesota. The Redwood and Minnesota Rivers also were rising rapidly.

Water was up to the eaves of some Marmath, N. D., homes. An ice jam sent the swollen little Missouri River to a record height of 23.1 feet, more than five feet above flood stage.

Allies Hurl Back China Red Attack

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—Allied infantrymen Wednesday hurled back some 1,500 bugle-blowing Chinese Reds who penetrated United Nations lines south of Panmunjom Tuesday night.

Fierce hand - to - hand fighting marked the three - hour battle, heaviest along the Korean groundfront in nearly two months. A front line division officer said Red casualties were "severe."

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Salem	58	30	[illegible]
Portland	59	35	[illegible]
San Francisco	60	48	[illegible]
Chicago	60	40	[illegible]
New York	69	48	trace

Willamette River: 6.1 feet.

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy with occasional light rain this morning becoming showery this afternoon and tonight. High today 48 to 50, low tonight 33 to 38. Temperature in Salem at 12:01 a. m. was 48 degrees.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1		
This Year	Last Year	30-year Ave.
38.37	46.29	37.5[illegible]

Joe Stalin Denies War Moving Nearer

By FRANCIS W. CARPENTER

NEW YORK (AP)—Prime Minister Joseph Stalin Tuesday assured a group of American newspaper editors and radio men — at long distance—that a third world war is no nearer than it was in 1949 or 1950.

Stalin said he feels a meeting of the chiefs of state of the great powers possibly would be useful. Also that the time has come to unify Germany, and that communism and capitalism can exist peaceably side by side—if.

He expressed these views in a telegram dispatched in response to four questions sent to him March 24.

The telegram arrived here, perhaps not by chance, on the eve of the Moscow economic conference, a major propaganda project for the Soviet Union.

American and other Western spokesmen at United Nations headquarters here called the Stalin pronouncement propaganda.

Here is the question and answer exchange as announced by James I. Wick, Niles, Ohio publisher who was a member of the party sending the queries:

NEW YORK (AP) — There appears to be a disagreement between Prime Minister Stalin and his deputy foreign minister, Jacob A. Malik, about World War III.

Stalin said Tuesday he does not believe it is closer than it was two or three years ago. But two months ago, in United Nations debate, Malik said:

"The third world war has in fact commenced—in Korea, Indochina, Tunis and Morocco."

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.

The Stalin statement showed nothing essentially new.

Wick had led a party of 40 newspaper and radio men on a tour to news centers in Europe.

Politics on Parade . . .

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Who's Running for What in the May Primaries!

(Editor's note: Stories in the "Political Parade" are written by or for the candidates, on invitation of The Oregon Statesman, and views expressed herein may or may not be in accordance with the opinion of this newspaper. The articles are published in the public interest, and without obligation on the part of anyone.)

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Today's subject:

M. H. CHRISMAN

Candidate for COMMISSIONER (POLK CO.)

Meet your new commissioner in Polk County come November 4. Marcel, Neoma and their five children live on a productive fruit and stock farm about midway between Dallas and Sheridan.

Our worthy candidate is of German and English descent and was born on one of the many Chrisman pioneer farms of Western Iowa. Like his father, his interests center in farm organizations, school activities and church endeavors. In the ranks of labor he is recognized for his brilliant participation in labor-management relations and tireless efforts to interest the working man in politics. Mr. Chrisman has been an active precinct committeeman for the Democratic party in both Iowa and Oregon and was county chairman of the party the last two years. He has given the Polk County Democratic party strong leadership and new vitality in precinct organization.

M. H. Chrisman

For five years Mr. Chrisman has been sensitive to the demands of many local groups that something be done about the worsening conditions of county roads. He has recently analyzed the costs, the programs and conditions of county roads in three other Oregon counties comparable with our problems. His program will include: Closer job supervision, better uses of maintenance monies, changes in new construction and equalization of road expending.

You can depend on Mr. Chrisman to work hard to get results, to use his fine education and effective leadership in a vigorous campaign for county commissioner.

(Tomorrow: Gilbert Ley)