

Gen. Eisenhower Calls for End of Democrat Regime

Sen. Taft Clings to Thin Lead in Dakota Election

SIoux FALLS, S. D. (AP)—The predicted photo-finish South Dakota Republican presidential primary went down to the wire with Sen. Robert A. Taft and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower neck and neck.

Only 16 precincts remained with Taft holding a razor-edge lead of 591 votes. The latest tabulation:

Taft 64,700.
Eisenhower 64,109.

Nearly all the unreported districts were in the remote rural territory west of the Missouri River.

Taft's percentage was 50.23, Eisenhower's 49.77.

Taft's Washington headquarters were confident Eisenhower could not accomplish that feat and on that basis claimed victory for the Ohioan.

Former Gov. George T. Mickelson, head of the Eisenhower slate, declared: "We're still not conceding the election to Senator Taft. That small margin out of approximately 128,000 Republican votes make the results of the official canvass still very much in doubt."

"Actually," Michelson said, "the election was a defeat for Taft and a victory for Eisenhower."

"It disproved to very conclusively Taft's claim to great support in the Midwestern states."

Rainfall Dampens Debut

By DON WHITEHEAD
ABILENE, Kas. (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told a rain drenched throng of Midwesterners Wednesday the Democrats had been in power too long and he implied the people must vote them out of office in November to bring an end to corruption in high places.

With this speech, the famous warrior—now in civilian clothes—waded into the fight for the Republican presidential nomination.

But his first major homecoming address was almost spoiled by an old-fashioned Kansas down-pour which kept thousands from the unprotected stadium where he spoke and left only a handful of hardy, sodden souls braving the weather to hear the general in front of the flag-decked grandstand.

Other hundreds sat in their automobiles in the muddy field of an old race track where the general spoke.

Eisenhower spoke in a fighting tone of voice that brought frequent applause and automobile horn blasts.

Most of the applause came when Eisenhower mentioned economy in government spending. Unofficial estimates placed the crowd in the stands and in the infield at up to 5,000 or 6,000. He called for an end to waste and extravagance in government spending, a foreign policy stripped of all "mystery," and continued cooperation with our allies in the fight against Communism.

No Mention of Names

No one did Eisenhower mention the Democrats by name. Neither did he mention his candidacy or his chief Republican opponent, Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio.

But there was a strong throw-the-rascals-out tone to his speech when he said:

"Political health is endangered if one party, by whatever means, becomes permanently or too-long entrenched in power. The almost inevitable consequence is graft and incompetence in remote and even in prominent places of government."

"Obviously, this is something that applies today: One party has been in power too long in this country."

Less Foreign Aid

1. Held out the prospect of less spending on foreign aid. "I believe we can look forward to decreasing future costs without sacrificing the essentials of reasonable goals."

2. Spoke out against excessive taxation and government spending. "Long continued taxes that are only a little below the confiscatory level will destroy free government."

3. Argued against the national government's taking over functions that belong to local communities. "Bureaucracy—helpless to lead older nations to security and prosperity—will do no better in America."

4. Said "the settlement of disputes and grievances requires—altogether, of course, with simple and clear legal processes—a climate of good will, an appreciation of good citizenship and responsible concern for all the people—and—most important—public confidence in the fairness and impartiality of appointed agents and agencies." (Additional stories on page 2.)

Ike's Opponents Point Finger at Talk's 'Generalities'; Taft Silent

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio declined Wednesday night to comment on the speech in which Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower launched his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination.

Taft said he had not had opportunity to read the general's text and did not know when he could get around to it.

But Sen. Robert Kerr of Oklahoma, campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination, said he was not sure but what Eisenhower was in effect "criticizing himself."

"One of the men kept in high position while we were in power was Gen. Eisenhower himself. He now should detail the items of which he speaks so generally, if only to show that he is not criticizing himself."

Rep. Hugh D. Scott Jr., of Pennsylvania, an Eisenhower backer, called the general's address "a fighting, middle of the road speech that is evidence that the people will not have to guess where he stands."

House Democrats refrained from comment, but Rep. Reece of Tennessee, a leader of the Taft forces, said:

"It looks like he (Eisenhower) is pretty much for mother, home and Heaven."

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Considerable surprise was expressed when Justice William O. Douglas polled more votes than Governor Stevenson of Illinois in the Oregon Democratic preference primary. Douglas had taken a page ad in the voters' pamphlet to urge Democrats not to vote for him. Stevenson had also renounced any candidacy yet he was considered a "reserve" possibility for the nomination. Senator Kefauver won the race by a wide margin, but Douglas was second.

The reason Douglas ran so well is that he is regarded as the legate of the Roosevelt new deal. He didn't get off the reservation as did Henry Wallace; also his ideas on world problems with particular reference to Asia have commanded attention. The core of the left-wing made a serious effort to promote the candidacy of Bill Douglas. His own disavowal of candidacy did not dampen their ardor though it did defeat their purpose.

Douglas must be credited with positive ideas relative to Asia and the Middle East, ideas which are based on personal trips across Southern Asia where he had contact with people in the villages. He has summarized his observations and conclusions in books and addresses. The challenge he throws out to Americans—and the warnings—should not be discounted merely because Douglas is rated a political radical. (He was conservative enough, or radical, to join in denying "inherent powers" to the President.)

In an address before the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' convention at Atlantic City recently Douglas put his finger on the dilemma which the

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Lebanon Fete Starts Today

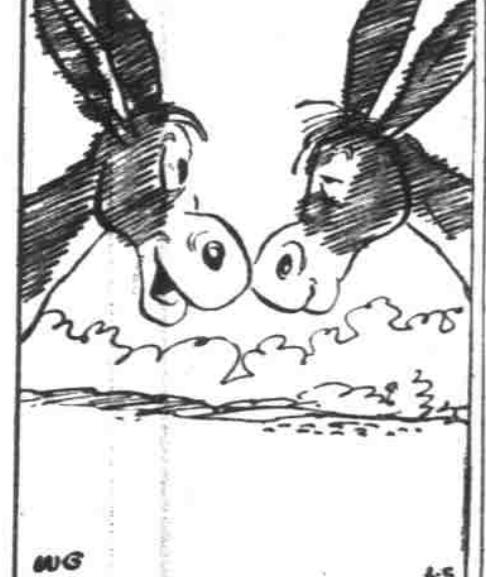
LEBANON (AP)—The Lebanon Strawberry Festival will begin its three-day run here Thursday. The annual parade will be held Friday, the children's parade Saturday. Also on schedule are a flower show and street platform programs in the afternoon and evening.

ATOMIC BLAST SCHEDULED

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—The eighth atomic blast of the spring series is expected at dawn Thursday at the Nevada proving grounds.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"You made of you tonight, dear. I was proud of a perfect ass of yourself."

Airedales Come 'Cheaper by the Dozen'



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Washington Girl Awakens From 2-Months Sleep

WHITE SALMON, Wash. (AP)—Judy Rosevear, the 4-year-old girl who has been asleep for more than two months because of a brain inflammation, has awakened.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Rosevear, said Wednesday the little girl had been awake for several days, but they withheld a report on it until they were sure.

She was fed through a tube down her throat during her long sleep.

Doctors said some damage may have been done to her nervous system by the long sleep. They hope that exercise will restore her muscular co-ordination.

Prisoner Hurt In Rocky Butte Jail Rioting

PORTLAND (AP)—One prisoner was injured in an abortive riot at Rocky Butte jail here late Wednesday night.

Sheriff Terry Schrank said the disturbance was put down after a smoke bomb was exploded. The prisoners broke a number of windows and tore up some of the equipment in one of the 50-man "tank" cells.

Jack Matthews, jail superintendent, said he received a letter from the prisoners earlier in the day listing complaints and stating conditions under which prisoners would work.

Matthews, accompanied by two guards, went to the tank cell to tell the prisoners they would not take orders from them. Matthews asked two prisoners, Pete Santonis, 21, and Robert Lyons, 23, who he said were ringleaders, to step forward. The pair rushed the guards.

Matthews said he struck Santonis over the head with the smoke bomb and then exploded it. That quieted the prisoner.

Sheriff Schrank said Santonis was a trouble-maker. He is serving a year for escape from the jail. Lyons is serving time on a bad check charge.

Santonis was hospitalized and Lyons placed in solitary confinement.

Schrank said the prisoner had apparently heard too many stories about prison riots in other parts of the country.

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Canneries Quote 14-Cent Price On Berries; Growers Protest

From Classroom to Berry Field, Right Now



End of school and start of the strawberry season were simultaneous this week. Here are five youths fresh from the classroom hard at picking in the Hazel Green district. All members of a picking platoon organized for the summer harvest season, pickers are from left to right, David Hall, 710 Cross St.; David Taylor, 525 W. Madrona Ave.; Ronald Welton, 1055 Fairview St.; Larry Evans, 1660 S. Winter St.; and Larry Battles, 3595 Karen St. (Statesman photo.)

'Starting Price' Designated by 4 Salem Firms

A starting price of 14 cents per pound for strawberries, lowest since the war, was being quoted Wednesday to Salem area berry growers by several large local packers.

Four large canneries in Salem were listed among those quoting 14 cents per pound for Marshall berries to farmers. Birds-Eye Division of General Foods Corporation plant at Woodburn said it was offering 15 1/2 cents.

The 14-cent quotation, three cents under last year's price, brought an expected storm of protest from most strawberry growers in this area.

A Statesman survey of packers and growers Wednesday night brought out two important facts in the price quotations. First, the listed prices did not come from a concerted action on the part of the packers—they arrived at their quotations independently. Second, Wednesday's quotations may be temporary. The price on berries to the farmer could go up in the next few weeks—or down.

Subject to Change

Kelley Farquhar & Co. said its 14-cent quote was "subject to change, any time." Starr Foods Inc. said it was paying 14 cents. And at least two other large Salem packers were listed in the 14-cent bracket.

Wednesday's quotation cracked the price silence surrounding this season's strawberry crop. Growers met last week and decided they could not set a permanent wage for pickers until canners came through with a buying price.

Picking Price Same

Picking in the Salem area is under way this week and many growers were paying 4 1/2 cents per pound, plus a 1/2 cent bonus. This is the same as last year.

Many growers Wednesday labeled the packers' 14-cent quotation as "unjustified." Earlier in the day several strawberry raisers told Lillie Madsen, Statesman Farm Editor, they "did not see how they could continue the 5 cent picking wage until it came out financially if they got less than 17 cents per pound for their berries from the packers."

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Solons Vote to Take Ceiling Off Potatoes

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Wednesday night beat down a proposal to suspend all wage and price controls and take price ceilings off food and all farm products.

But the lawmakers—irate over potato shortages—voted to ban all price ceilings on fresh fruits and vegetables. Sponsors said this would apply only to potatoes because no other perishable is under ceilings.

The Senate labored far into the night on a broad measure to extend economic controls beyond June 30.

The proposal to suspend all wage-price controls called for them to be reinstated if the cost of living index goes up three points or Congress declares war. It was defeated 57 to 22.

The amendment to kill price ceilings on farm products was beaten 49 to 29.

The plan to suspend all wage and price controls was offered by Senator Capehart (R-Ind.) after the Senate had voted a tight rein on Wage Stabilization Board intervention in labor disputes but decided to leave labor and management representatives on the WSB instead of making it an all-public body as the banking committee had proposed.

Moving Day Today For County Offices

By WINSTON H. TAYLOR
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Moving of offices from Marion County Courthouse will commence in earnest today, in preparation for razing to begin June 23. Doom of the 75-year-old structure was sealed Wednesday with formal signing of a contract for new construction.

Rapidly getting ready for the influx of departments is the Public School Office Building three blocks north on Marion between High and Church Streets. It is getting new partitions, paint and off-street parking to handle court-house occupancy for about two years.

The County Court signed the \$1,672,156 contract with Viesko and Post, Salem contracting firm, and set the deadline for moving.

The task will be handled by Capital City Transfer Co., which will begin today by moving Judge Rex Kimmel's Circuit Court and some miscellaneous storage items.

To Move Storage

On Friday it will be ballot boxes and other storage; Monday, sheriff, engineer, election and County Court; Tuesday, treasurer, clerk and Circuit Judge George Duncan; Wednesday, Circuit Judge Joseph Felton, surveyor and juvenile departments; Thursday, recorder.

Already in the school building are the District Court and Salem district constable, county agent and extension offices, assessor and tax collector, all moved some time ago. The transfer will not involve the health department, district attorney and school superintendent, all in rented space outside the courthouse.

Parts of all three floors of the school building have been leased by the county for more than two years, most of the space on a standby basis. The county is paying 7 1/2 cents per square foot. Original contract called for 22,597 square feet, but some 2,500 feet have been added now because of need for such offices as civil defense.

New Parking Area

County crews have been doing all the refurbishing of the new location except painting. Biggest change will be the 56-car paved parking area, occupying all the present lawn space north of the building. Grading was under way yesterday. The drives around the courthouse can park only about 35 autos.

As agreed in the contract, the county salvaged 22 doors and frames from the courthouse to use in the temporary location.

A central phone switchboard is to be used for all county offices in the structure, but is not expected to be ready before June 15.

John Allgood, Dallas Council Member, Dies

DALLAS—John (Jack) Allgood, Dallas city councilman since 1918, died at his home Wednesday noon following a heart attack. He had been ill for several weeks. He was about 68.

Allgood came to Dallas in 1907 and worked as a printer on the old Dallas Observer. In 1913 he started a printing shop here which he had operated since.

He was on the city park board and was a leader in the development of Dallas City Park. He was a long-time member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge.

Surviving are the widow, Julia; two sons, James D. of Dallas and John R. of California; and three grandchildren. Services will be announced later by the Bolman Mortuary.

Truman Plans Week-End Visit to McGrath Farm

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman is planning a week-end visit to the Rhode Island farm home of J. Howard McGrath, the man he ousted as attorney general two months ago.

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CHURCH KEEPS AFFILIATION

ALBANY, Ore. (AP)—The United Presbyterian Church, winding up its 94th annual assembly here, voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to retain its affiliation with the National Council of Churches of Christ and the World Council of Churches.

THE WEATHER			
	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	82	55	.00
Portland	78	53	.00
San Francisco	64	51	.00
Chicago	73	51	.00
New York	79	57	.00

Willamette River 1 foot
FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Partly cloudy today and tonight, little cooler, with a high near 75 and the lowest tonight near 45. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. was 54 degrees.

SALEM PRECIPITATION		
Since Start of Year	Last Year	Normal
40.06	49.76	35.58

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Previous Prices

Prices paid by packers for berries in the past five years: 1951, 17 cents; 1950, 22 cents; 1949, 16 cents; 1948, 20 cents, and 1946, about 27 cents.

Most packers were reluctant on Wednesday to talk about this year's low quotation. One plant manager mumbled something about "general condition of the market and high price of operation."

Joe Gamroth, superintendent of North Marion Fruit Co., who said his plant would pay farmers "whatever becomes the going price," said the California price also had dropped to around 14 cents from a starter of 17 cents. He added that the packer this year must sell processed berries at 3 cents per pound under last year's price. A large California crop, he said, has also helped bring the berry market price down.

Silverton Hills Strawberry Association will meet tonight at the Silverton Hills Community Hall to discuss the new packers' quotation and to set a picking wage. Picking will start in the large berry patches in that district next week.

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Salesman Given Chilly Reception In Canada Town

TRAIL, B. C. (AP)—A. J. Millard, a Vancouver spark plug salesman, got quite a reception here Wednesday.

"Millard, get out of town," proclaimed signs in a picket line at his downtown hotel.

Surprised and confused, the salesman learned a little later that demonstrators had the wrong hotel, and had meant to picket Charles Millard of Philadelphia, national director of the CIO Steelworkers Union which recently lost a bitter election among Trail smelter workers to a rival union.