

Ike Heads Home From Korea Inspection

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Challenge Filed by Truckers

A suit asking that the increased truck tax law, sanctioned by the voters at the last general election, become effective Dec. 1, was filed in Marion County Circuit Court Friday.

The suit challenges Attorney General George Neuner's recent ruling that the tax increase be retroactive to Jan. 1, 1952. The act, which would swell state highway revenues an estimated \$1,930,000 annually, was passed by the 1951 Legislature and then was referred to the people.

Plaintiff in the action filed Friday is the Portland-Pendleton Motor Transportation Co., of Portland. The suit is directed against Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel.

Heltzel notified carriers recently that they would be liable for rates imposed under the law retroactive to Jan. 1, plus a penalty of 10 per cent of the original fees accrued since that date.

When the 1951 Legislature originally approved the tax increase, based on a weight-mile fee, it set Jan. 1, 1952, as the date the law would go into force.

But the truckers contend that under provisions of the Oregon constitution the law, because it was referred to the voters, did not become effective until after the voters approved and until Gov. Douglas McKay proclaimed the law was in force. This date was Dec. 1.

The suit asks that Heltzel be prevented from assessing any taxes or penalties accruing prior to Dec. 1.

The plaintiff contends the suit is brought in the interests of all trucking in the state.

2 Pedestrians Injured When Hit by Autos

Two pedestrians were struck almost at the same time by autos early Friday evening in Salem, and both were hospitalized.

One accident occurred at Commercial and D Streets and near Mrs. Katherina Bilde, 69, of 1397 N. Commercial St., to Salem Memorial Hospital with a fracture of the right leg. Driver of the pickup which struck her, Gerhard Leo Bortill, 1170 N. Front St., told investigating officers he was blinded by lights of oncoming cars and didn't see the woman crossing the street. No citations were issued.

Officers also reported that four autos coming upon the accident drove over flames set out to warn of danger. Several bystanders were endangered by this driver negligence, police said.

The second accident sent Mrs. Leota Hunt, 53 of 1491 Franklin St., to Salem General Hospital with fractures of the right leg, right arm and pelvis. She was struck by an auto driven by Sidney Herbert Wasserman, 295 Forest Hills Way, at Rosemont and Edgewater Streets. No citations were issued.

Both women were reported in "fair" condition by hospital authorities Friday night.

McKay on Way To Somewhere By Some Means

A mysterious change in plans late Friday caused Gov. Douglas McKay to cancel his train reservations for Arizona and leave the state with no word of his destination.

Gov. McKay was scheduled to leave with his wife on the 8 p.m. train Friday for the annual Western Governors' Conference at Phoenix. He apparently changed his plans at the last minute and called his secretary to say he was leaving Portland via airplane.

A check at the Portland airport terminal revealed no record of the governor leaving there.

At home Friday evening, Mrs. McKay said she had "no comments" about the governor's departure. State police reported early Saturday morning that they took the governor to Salem Airport Friday, but they could say nothing else about the trip except he was traveling under "sealed orders."

Officials of United Air Lines said they had no record of the governor leaving on any flights here Friday. Whether Gov. McKay could have taken one of three military flights which landed at Salem Friday was not determined by early Saturday.

Drink Law Plan Completed by Liquor Board

Recommendations on administering the liquor by the drink law approved by the voters at the recent general election were completed by members of the State Liquor Control Commission at a Salem meeting Friday.

These recommendations will be submitted to Senate President Paul Patterson, slated to be Governor on the retirement of Gov. Douglas McKay and to Sen. Eugene Marsh, McMinnville, and Rep. Rudie Wilhelm, Portland, who will preside over the Senate and House at the 1953 legislative session.

Briefs on laws in 11 other states having somewhat similar laws to the one enacted in Oregon also have been completed by attorneys for the Liquor Control Commission.

The commission authorized that copies of these briefs, be provided for all members of the Senate and House Alcoholic Committees and to all members of the legislature who want them.

W. A. Spangler, Klamath Falls, who recently succeeded Robert L. Elstrom as chairman of the commission, said no details of the recommendations would be released prior to submission to the legislative leaders and the governor.

W. H. Baillie, administrator for the commission, reported that a survey involving liquor law violations during the past four years disclosed that sale of liquor to minors is on the decrease.

Spangler declared that while this problem, probably the most serious of any before the commission, can never be licked entirely, he felt that satisfactory progress could be made if the commission and its staff continued to bear down on tavern owners.

The commission will meet next Jan. 15.

Health Leaders Confer Here



Standing at a map of Oregon hospitals are leaders in the Oregon Rural Health Conference meeting in Salem now. They are, from left, Dr. Robert F. Day, conference chairman, Seapooze; Harley Libby, Oregon Farmers Union, Jefferson; Mrs. Walter Hardy, Oregon Farm Bureau; Dr. Edmund K. Yantes, Wilmington, Ohio; Dr. Harold J. Noyes, general chairman.

Lack of Rural Dentists Blamed on State Board

The Board of Education came in for a bit of criticism Friday when shortage of dentists in rural areas was pointed out by leaders of farm organizations at Oregon's third annual Rural Health Conference, which opened at the Senator Hotel.

Ben Buisman, Oregon State Grange, Portland, said that the shortage of dentists has developed at a time when the people of the country had been educated to the need of dentistry.

The Oregon dental school equipment is far behind and the Board of Education has built music and speech buildings and beef barns while the dental school has had to go begging, he said.

Need of doctors in rural communities was also decried by rural leaders.

"If you want good doctors in the rural areas, you've got to sell the idea to the doctors' wives," Dr. Edmund K. Yantes, secretary of the Clinton County Health Council, Wilmington, Ohio, told the more than 200 people in attendance.

"You don't have quite so much trouble selling the doctors on a small community, but the wives take a little selling before they realize the excellent points of such living," he continued.

He told of the organization of the Clinton Council and urged that rural health councils be formed and supported in all communities.

"You can do a heck of a lot more in your own community than you can get done by depending upon state and federal help. You know the needs of your own group," he said.

In answer to the shortage of doctors in smaller communities, Dr. Yantes answered that too frequently the people themselves were to blame. "You call your home doctor out at 3 o'clock in the morning on an emergency, and when you need work done that is planned ahead of time you go to a city physician who probably can't give you any better if as good care," he said.

Dr. Harold J. Noyes, chairman of the Oregon Rural Health Council, presided at the morning session, and Mrs. Buehler Moore, State Grange lecturer, at the afternoon meeting.

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Gen. Mac Claims 'Solution'

NEW YORK (AP) — Gen. Douglas MacArthur said Friday night "there is a clear and definite solution to the Korean conflict" without unduly increasing casualties or furthering the risk of world war.

He declined to disclose his plan publicly in a speech before the National Association of Manufacturers at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, but implied a willingness to present his views to President-elect Eisenhower.

The former Far East commander, who withheld any endorsement of Eisenhower during the recent political campaign, made several friendly references to him in his speech.

He said also it is "our duty as citizens to rally in firm support of the new administration" to help it fulfill its pledge to restore to the nation a prosperity "based upon sound rather than illusory considerations."

MacArthur, ousted from his Far East post by President Truman and now chairman of the board of Remington Rand, Inc., said the present course in Korea was leading toward a world war.

"There has been a material change in conditions from those of 20 months ago when I left the scene of action, and the solution then available and capable of success is not now entirely applicable."

MacArthur's speech gave no hint of how the "change in conditions" might alter the proposals he made 20 months ago for bringing the war to an end.

His proposals then included bombing of Red Chinese bases in Manchuria, blockading the Red China coast, and utilizing Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalist Chinese forces stationed on Formosa.

Lie Discharges Nine Employees And Warns All

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) — U. N. Secretary General Trygve Lie fired nine more American employees Friday for refusing to answer questions about alleged subversive activities put to them by the McCarran committee.

He warned his 3,000 employees in a formal statement that he would take the same action in future cases, as has been recommended by a panel of three international jurists.

His action brings to 18 the number sacked during 1952 for the refusals which the panel told Lie created a "climate of suspicion."

In a related development, Maurice Pate, director of the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), accepted the resignation of Ruth Elizabeth Crawford.

She told the committee when she testified that she had been a Communist in the 1930s.

'Much Can Be Done' Without Spreading War, He Assures

Mamie Just Glad It's Over

NEW YORK (AP) — Like any woman at a vigil's end, Mrs. Mamie relief Friday when she learned her husband was safely out of Korea. "I'm glad that everything's all right and he's coming home," she said through a secretary.

Mrs. Eisenhower heard the news on a radio broadcast at 7 a. m. (EST) then she settled down in a housecoat in front of the television set in hopes of seeing her husband on the screen.

She did not see reporters but issued a statement in which she said: "I am very grateful for the prayers that have been offered by people all over the world for the safety of the general and those who are accompanying him."

3 GIs Aghast As Ike Eats Beside Them

By SAM SUMMERLIN WITH U. S. THIRD DIVISION IN KOREA. (Delayed) — President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower sidestepped the generals Wednesday and ate Army chow with three awed U. S. soldiers seated in the icy open.

Cameras clicked as he sat on a pinebox, and cleaned up a meal of the pork chop, sauerkraut and pie with evident relish.

The three soldiers were so flabbergasted they hardly opened their mouths, either to eat or speak. They are Sgt. Jack R. Hutcherson of Frankford, Mo.; Cpl. James A. Murray of Muskogee, Okla., and PFC Caster Skudlark of Avon, Minn.

Eisenhower had stood in the chow line like everyone else and enlisted men dropped the food on his plastic tray. Then he walked with the three soldiers.

Eisenhower chatted and laughed. He asked the three soldiers about the war, rotation and Army cooking. Their answers, if any, were lost in the general confusion around them.

Once Eisenhower looked up at the news cameramen who were shooting pictures. "You fellows sure do make it difficult to eat a decent meal," he said. "You should have enough slits to last six months."

Once he remarked to the three soldiers: "I hit you on a good day — I sure like sauerkraut."

When the meal was done there was still one more big moment for the soldiers. Eisenhower had cleaned his tray when a major came up and told him the generals and other members of the Eisenhower party were eating in a nearby tent.

"You mean all the brass is in there?" Eisenhower asked, flashing his famous smile. "That's right," he said. "The three soldiers could come with him and the major quickly said 'Yes, sir.'"

The President - to - be and the three soldiers, in winter battle grab and rifles slung over their shoulders, headed into the "brass" tent.

After the Eisenhower party had left, an officer noticed the three soldiers, still rather bewildered by their moment in the limelight. "Take care of those boys," the officer told Lt. James Boatman, son of the general, who stomped out Red prisoner riots on Koje Island.

"Those boys will be in a daze for a few days," the officer added, with a smile.

Sailing Home on Cruiser

Eisenhower flew from Korea to Guam, arriving at 5:30 a.m. Guam time. A few minutes later he boarded the Helena, with sailors and ship's officers gathered on the deck craning for a glimpse of him.

He was accompanied by Adm. Arthur Radford, Pacific Fleet commander. The Helena pulled away from the dock at 6:30 a.m. and headed eastward.

Eisenhower and his party gathered on the deck in mild 72-degree weather—in sharp contrast to the near-zero Korean temperatures they had left little more than eight hours earlier.

Eisenhower was expected to discuss with Dulles the policy his new administration will take in aiding South Korea both economically and militarily.

The general said in a press conference Saturday the South Korean government and people needed outside help in the fight against the Reds.

Leaves Rhee More Confident

1. A statement that, while there was no easy solution to the Korean problem, "much can be done, much will be done" to improve the situation—without spreading the war to the Chinese Communist mainland.

2. A promise that the South Korean Army will get "bigger and better" during his administration, and that economic aid will continue.

3. A vastly cheered President Syngman Rhee, described by a spokesman as "more confident than ever" after his talks with the general.

Eisenhower also held private discussions about Formosa with Maj. Gen. William Chase, head of U. S. military mission to the Chinese Nationalists.

Unarmed and bundled in a parka, he traveled by jeep and light plane across razor-edged mountains to within a few miles of the stagnant battlefield.

No Panacea for Peace Then he left at 8:01 p. m. Friday night, as quietly and secretly as he had come Tuesday night.

If the 10,836-mile trip had inspired a solution of the war that has raged up and down this land of cold and misery for nearly 30 months, he did not immediately say so.

At a press conference in Seoul he said that "we came over to learn. We have no panacea, no trick ways of settling any problems."

"How difficult it seems to be in a war of this kind," he added, "to work out a plan that would bring a positive and definite victory without possibly running grave risk of enlarging the war."

"There are many limitations on a war of this kind, but this much is certain. . . much can be done in my opinion to improve our position — much will be done."

Soldiers Gain Confidence President Rhee — at U. S. Eighth Army headquarters, again on the battlefield and at Rhee's hillside mansion near Seoul.

The two exchanged notes which were not made public immediately. Eisenhower told the press, "I am far from a defeatist. . . freedom is bound to be successful."

The visit skyrocketed hopes of soldiers bogged down in the near-zero cold of Korea's third winter of war. Soldier after soldier told correspondents the trip gave them hope that there was a way to peace can be found, Eisenhower would find it.

On his way home, the new American president expected to meet other members of his staff and study the first-hand reports he had received "to be better able to pursue a policy of supporting freedom," he told the news conference.

Promises Economic Aid American industry, he said, would be "always in shape" to give that support.

He promised to give Korea economic help for a long time to come, but gave no inkling of his military plans.

Eisenhower began his secret shrouded flight before dawn Saturday. He slipped past New York and drove under cover of darkness to Mitchell Field Air Base on Long Island.

Members of his 16-man official party met him there. Included were Charles E. Wilson of Detroit, who will be the new secretary of defense; Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff; and Herbert Brownell of New York, who will be attorney general in the new Republican administration.

The general's sleek Constellation carried a double crew of 22 so a rested hand would always be at every control. President-elect did not leave the plane until it reached Iwo Jima.

At the other stops all members of the party remained in the official plane as did those in a second Constellation which carried members of the press. Crews hastily climbed hastily back into the skies. (Additional details on page 2.)

PRESS FEETERS HIT, SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—The First World Congress of Newspapers, a Latin-American organization, adopted a resolution Friday condemning all restrictions against freedom of the press.

Salem Woman Aunt of New Head of WSB

A Salem woman picked up The Statesman Friday and learned that her great-nephew had been named chairman of the country's Wage Stabilization Board.

She is Mrs. Frank O'Brien of 476 Union St., a spry and chipper septuagenarian whose great-nephew, Charles Clint Killingsworth, 35, grandson of one of her four sisters, was named to the post Thursday to succeed Archibald Cox, who resigned.

Although she hasn't seen her now-prominent relative since he was 16 years old, Mrs. O'Brien was not too surprised at his appointment.

"He always was a bright boy, and his brother too. He'll do a good job."

Mrs. O'Brien has lived in Salem since 1935. Her husband, who died 14 years ago, owned a ranch at Park Avenue and Center Street, before the city spread out and took over the "farmland."

Mrs. O'Brien and her family, including Killingsworth, spent most of their lives in and around Springfield and St. Louis, Mo. She has operated a rooming house here since her husband's death, and hasn't been back to Missouri since she came out here.

Cropduster Gets \$17,500 Judgment

PORTLAND (AP) — A federal court jury Friday awarded a crop dusting pilot \$17,500 damages for injuries suffered in a crash on June 3, 1950.

The suit was brought against the Ace Flying Service, Salem, by Eldin B. Lambert, a pilot for the company at the time. He said he was required to fly too close to spraying.

(Lambert's plane crashed into a hillside and burned during the crop dusting work he was doing on the Emil Marks farm north-east of Dallas, Ore. He was dusting vetch and pea crops. Press reports at the time said Lambert suffered eye and nose injuries.)

Storm Winds, Rain Continue

A Western Oregon storm continued to lash Salem with gusts reaching 44 miles per hour Friday evening and a total of 20 inch of rain reported for the day.

Prediction by weathermen at McNary Field for today indicated rain in the morning and showers in the afternoon.

Heavy rainfall through Wednesday was forecast in the Weather Bureau's five-day outlook.

Friday the wind was considerably lighter than Thursday's when gusts reached 70 miles an hour on the coast.

State police reported early Saturday morning there was about one-inch of snow on the highway between Tangent and Harrisburg and an Albany telephone operator said that snow was falling "quite hard" there early Saturday morning.

Son Serves As Ike Aide

WITH U. S. FIRST MARINE DIVISION smilingly reprimanded Maj. John Eisenhower for straying too far from his father, the president-elect.

"You're the general's aide," Van Fleet told John, "that's your job. Photographers had asked Dwight D. Eisenhower to pose with his son. Twice, Ike looked around but John had wandered away from the big crowd of visitors and top brass touring the Marine division headquarters."

John, major with the U. S. Third Division, had been given leave to tour with his father.

A few minutes before the Eisenhower party took off to inspect another unit, John showed up at the division airstrip.

"I'm proud of all these Army brats," remarked Eisenhower, smiling at his tall son. He also mentioned the name of the son of Maj. Gen. Lewis Hershey, the draft husband was safely out of Korea. director. Young Hershey was wounded while fighting in Korea.

VENEZUELA STRIKE FAILS CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—An attempted nationwide strike which the new provisional government blamed on its political opponents appeared today to have failed.

TREATY VOTE FAVORABLE BONN, Germany (AP)—Parliament gave a substantial semi-final vote of approval early Saturday to West Germany's treaties of alliance with the West.

Navy Secretary Eases Blast at AF Criticism

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of the Navy Dan A. Kimball came up with a new blast in the recurring row between the Navy and the Air Force Friday night but softened his remarks at the last moment.

Kimball prepared a speech for the annual meeting of the Navy League which was in effect a re-tort to a recent Air Force criticism that the nation has "not one Air Force, but four," including the Naval Air arm.

A few hours before the time set for delivering the speech, however, Navy public relations officers revised the wording of two paragraphs in Kimball's request. The amended version read:

"I am somewhat disturbed when I hear people in a spirit of criticism imply that when any one of the services has a weapon that another service is also using, this is a great waste. I disagree with this."

"Each of the services has certain functions and operations where different weapons are necessary. We each must use them as they are suited for our purposes and our missions. It is ridiculous to say, for example, that only one service can use guns, or trucks, or any of the millions of items that each and all of the services need individually to come to a common end which has to be victory."

In the original form Kimball had written that he was "more than slightly disturbed by people saying we have four Air Forces."

He declared "the airplane is a weapon, not a way of life."

Assembly Votes Study Of S. Africa Racism

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) — The U. N. General Assembly voted 35 to 1 Friday for a U. N. commission study of riotous race conflicts in South Africa. Twenty-three countries abstained, including Britain, the U. S. and France.

Only the South African delegation voted against the resolution sponsored by Mrs. Pandit's Arab-Asian group.

These Are Days of Christmas Values Salem merchants are offering the widest choice of Christmas merchandise in history these days and The Statesman is proud of the privilege of presenting their story. Special pages and special sections of advertising will be the order of the day from now until Christmas. All business sections of the city are reporting a fine response to the offering of unusual values. Both the Downtown Merchants Association, which held its first tag-Santa event of the year last night, and the Capitol Shopping Center, which presented its Christmas merchandising program in a special 8-page section of The Statesman Friday, are cooperating to make this holiday season one of easy and economical shopping for everyone.

Animal Crackers



"Sh! They're eeping!"

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