

## THE IKE CAMPAIGN

Marquis Childs, back from vacation, takes a realistic look at Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's bid for the U. S. presidency. For his candid comment on the situation, see page 6.

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## The Weather

Forecast: Mostly cloudy Tuesday night with possible night showers. Rain Wednesday.  
Temperatures: High Monday, 40. Low Tuesday morning, 32. Expected low Wednesday morning, 32. Expected high, 45.

## Congress Opens Second Session; Battles Brewing

WASHINGTON — (UP) — The 82nd Congress began its second session Tuesday with seven new members, a new Republican floor leader, and new fights brewing over a number of old issues—UMT and foreign aid.

The new members, including one senator, are all Republicans. The new Senate GOP leader is Styles Bridges of New Hampshire. He succeeds the late Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry (R-Neb.). Republican senators, at a conference held before the session opened, elected bridges to the post over Sen. Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass.). The vote was 26-15.

Although the first day of the new session was devoted to formalities, such as swearing in the new members, lines were being drawn for battle to come, particularly over Universal Military Training and spending.

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**SENATE** — 50 Democrats, 46 Republicans.

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**Services Observed**  
President Truman took Holy Communion with several House and Senate members, the Supreme Court, and high government officials at a special prayer service preceding the reconvening of Congress.

In a statement after his election, Bridges said Republicans "must close ranks during the session and become the militant minority that the American people have a right to expect."

**New Senator Sworn In**  
He called on his colleagues to fight any administration attempts to "usurp the rights of the Congress."

Among Tuesday's formalities was the swearing of Sen. Fred A. Seaton (R-Neb.), appointed to Wherry's seat, and six House members filling vacancies caused by four deaths and two resignations.

**Truman Message Due**  
No real legislative business can be transacted until President Truman outlines his program in his State of the Union Message before a joint meeting of the House and Senate Wednesday. The president's economic message will follow next week and his budget, expected to top \$80,000,000,000, will be submitted around Jan. 21.

Informal sources reported that the budget for fiscal 1953 will include about \$53,200,000,000 for the armed forces and military construction. Congress is not likely to cut that figure very deeply, but members of both parties were brandishing the economy axe for other spending items.

While committees wrangled, Sen. A. C. Turner Joy, chief of the committee on foreign affairs, conferred in New York with Gen. Matthew B. Sperry, supreme Allied commander. Joy said it was "merely routine visit."

**Voters Approve Yoncalla Bonds**  
Yoncalla voters Monday overwhelmingly approved an \$80,000 bond issue for a new grade school. Out of 350 registered voters in the district, a total of 223 persons voted to cast their ballots. The results showed 151 yes and 72 no votes.

Al Hoffman, grade school principal, commented at 8:30 p.m. that all the votes were counted. The school board is very much pleased with the turnout and with the results.

The election was held from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Yoncalla Elementary School. At stake was the present plan for improvement of facilities or risk losing state financial support.

Funds voted Monday will be used to build (1) the first unit of a proposed 16-classroom grade school at a cost of \$70,000 and (2) equipment costing \$10,000 for the new unit.

**James Raze 10,000 Home**  
A destroyed house owned and occupied by D. G. Robinson at Springfield Tuesday morning.

The house, estimated worth \$10,000, was built a year ago, and most of the contents, including a car, were destroyed. The Springfield Fire Department, although the house was outside city limits, sent a truck at 7:35 a.m. Cause, and damage figures, were unknown Tuesday morning. The house was on E. Jackson Loop, about a half mile south of McClellan Highway.

**Two-Months-Old Girl Found Dead in Crib**  
A two-month-old girl was found dead in her crib Tuesday morning at the home of Mrs. Linn Babcock.

The girl, found shortly after 6:30 a.m., was found in her crib by her mother, Mrs. Gordon W. Babcock, 481 N. River Road, Cottage Grove. The girl had been fed and changed at 10:30 p.m.

An autopsy was scheduled for Tuesday, according to County Coroner Fred Buell.

## Churchill, HST Study Policies In Middle East

Move to Prevent 'Another Korea'

WASHINGTON — (UP) — President Truman and Winston Churchill Tuesday ordered their foreign secretaries to begin work at once on a project to harmonize American and British policies in the Middle East, southeast Asia, and the Far East.

Objectives of this harmonization is to prepare the two nations to meet the possibilities of "another Korea."

The entire morning session at the White House—the third formal meeting of the two leaders—was devoted to the turbulent area stretching from Cairo to Korea.

President Truman and Churchill agreed that the threat of trouble similar to Korea in the area called for elimination of as many differences in policy as possible.

But in the Far East, where Anglo-American differences are greatest, there will be no basic shifts in policies immediately.

President Truman made it perfectly clear that the United States could not entertain any idea of recognizing Communist China.

Prime Minister Churchill made it equally clear that Great Britain could not consider withdrawing its recognition of Red China.

But there was complete agreement that both the United States and Great Britain must start at once with a clear determination to do the maximum to harmonize policies in the Middle East and Asiatic areas.

This was learned after the White House issued a brief statement saying that Mr. Truman and Churchill, at their morning meeting, continued their discussion of military matters and "also reviewed current problems in the Middle East and the Far East."

Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, gave a full report to Mr. Truman and Churchill and their associates on the military aspects of the Korean War—the present situation, future possibilities, and the military capabilities of the United Nations.

Both Mr. Truman and Churchill were agreed that everything feasible must be done to bring about a truce in Korea.

The conference will resume again this afternoon at 5 p.m., when the two men and their advisers return to diplomatic and military problems in the European field.

**Kidnapping Charge Faces Accused Bank Robber**

SALT LAKE CITY—(UP)—A 14-year-old Salt Lake City boy, missing since Oct. 20, was found early Tuesday in a home where he had been chained to a bed by a man accused of robbing a bank Monday of more than \$20,000.

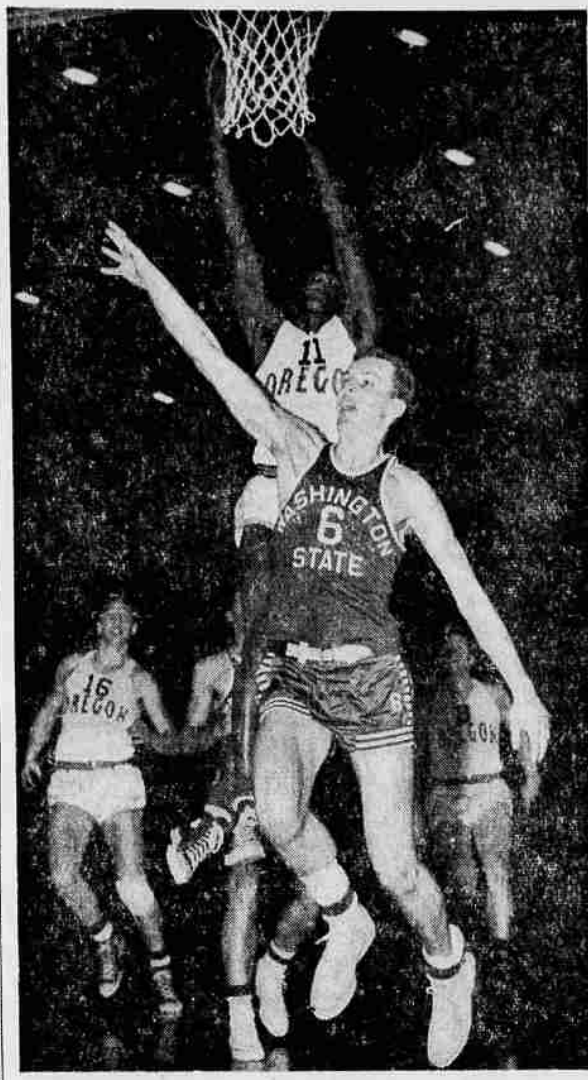
Sheriff's officers and FBI agents said that John D. Billett, 24, admitted that he had been holding young Ricky Henriksen by force for more than 10 weeks.

The youth dropped from sight last fall while returning to his modest home from a used car lot where he had worked. Police insisted at first that he probably had run away but his parents had always felt he had been kidnapped.

Billett, who worked at the same "Battle Fatigue Anderson's" used car lot where the boy had done odd jobs, was arrested late Monday and charged with robbing \$20,915 from a drive-in branch of a bank.

A lone gunman had entered the Eighth South and State Branch of the First Security Bank shortly before noon Monday, herded employees and depositors into a corner and escaped with a sack full of currency.

Billett was identified by a car rental agency manager from pictures as the renter of a car used in the bank robbery. The car had been found a few hours after the crime.



(Wilshire photo, engraving)  
**NORTHERN DIVISION BASKETBALL** arrived Monday night when 6300 screaming spectators saw Oregon's fast-break attack explode in the second half for a 59-45 victory over WSC. Mel Streeter of Oregon scores on a driving shot while Phil Brown, standout sophomore guard for the Cougars, fails to check it. Other Webfoots in the action are Bob Peterson (16), left, and Kenny Wegner (8), right. The same two quintets clash at McArthur Court Tuesday. Game time 8 p.m.

## Postal Receipts Hit New High

Eugene's postoffice sold nearly three-quarters of a million dollars' worth of assorted stamps during 1951 to set another yearly record high in receipts.

The office took in \$722,384 during the year just past, compared to \$656,104 for 1950—a 10.25 per cent gain. December, 1951, receipts of \$109,736 were 13.17 per cent above December, 1950.

Postoffice receipts, indicative of all-round postal activity, have risen steadily since World War II in Eugene, showing a 10 per cent gain each year.

## Anti-Aggression Program OKed

PARIS — (AP) — The United Nations Political Committee approved 51 to 5 Tuesday night a program authorizing the U.N. to call on regional forces of such groups as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, if necessary, to combat aggression.

The Soviet bloc voted against it. India, Indonesia and Argentina abstained.

**Red Bill Bypassed**  
The committee then adjourned without voting on a Russian resolution which would have had the effect of bringing the Korean truce talks before a special high-level meeting of the Security Council.

The 60-nation committee had voted earlier to reject a Soviet demand that the U.N. Collective Measures Committee be abolished.

**Veto-Free Program**  
It is working on a veto-free anti-aggression system. The vote on that was 5 to 52, with two abstentions.

The committee then took up the Western-backed program itself. This was drawn up by the Collective Measures Committee in line with the American plan for combating aggression, adopted last year.

**CAR THEFTS CLEARED**  
WASHINGTON — (UP) — FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover announced Tuesday the clean up of an international car theft ring with the arrest of seven men in New York City and one in Hoboken, N. J.

# Eisenhower Team Maps '52 Strategy; Taft Still Confident

## Sweetland Wants Ike's Name Removed From Demo Ballot

PORTLAND — (AP) — Some Oregon Democrats may go to court to try to keep General Dwight Eisenhower from getting on the Oregon ballot as a Democrat.

It would be a "fraud" on Democratic voters of the state if his name gets on the Democratic ballot for the primary election next May, said Monroe Sweetland, Democratic national committeeman.

He was protesting the fact that petitions were filed some months ago, entering Eisenhower as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President.

The petitions were sponsored by State Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, who said, even after Eisenhower's announcement that he was a Republican, he wanted to let the general's name stand on the Democratic ballot.

Sweetland appealed for state officials to erase Eisenhower's name.

"The secretary of state and attorney general have a clear duty to protect voters from filings . . . of Republicans on the Democratic ticket," Sweetland said.

He threatened to take the matter to court to have Ike's name removed.

Meanwhile Oregon Republicans went ahead with plans to enter Eisenhower's name on the Republican ballot. They said they had enough signatures on petitions now. A meeting of Republicans in Salem late Tuesday will determine when the petitions will be filed.

## Fairground Plan Hits Legal Snag

Plans for an addition to the Lane County Pioneer Museum struck a financial snag Monday evening at a joint meeting of the County Court, the Fair Board, and the Museum Commission.

And in turn, improvement plans for the fairgrounds bumped up against a similar snag.

Out of this year's capital expenditure of \$52,000, the Museum Commission had hopes of getting an addition to the present museum. Their plans called for a building, a duplicate of the one now in existence, on the south side of the existing one.

**Spending Limit**  
But in a written opinion from District Attorney C. E. Luckey which was read at the meeting, the Fair Board would be limited to spending only \$31,545.65 for capital improvements. Luckey's opinion was based on Oregon law, which states that only one-quarter of one mill of each tax income dollar received by the county may be used for this purpose.

**Whose Money?**  
So, the County Court decided that the situation should rest until another opinion from Luckey was obtained on whether the money is O. and C. funds or whether it is actually tax money.

Before this decision was reached, Ralph and Sanford Nemerovsky, recently appointed Fair Board member, orally considered the possibility of overstepping the limit set forth in Luckey's opinion on the basis that the money was O. and C. funds. But, in the end, they decided to wait for the new opinion.

Raish claimed that \$25,000 of the original \$52,000 budget was O. and C. money the court was returning to the Fair Board as partial payment on a \$35,000 debt. This \$35,000, money allotted to the fair during the war from the state racing commission, ground rentals, and other income during the war when fairs were not held, reverted to the fair.

**FINANCIAL SNAG**  
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## New Hampshire Primary 1st Test For Ike Forces

Stassen to Run Despite General

WASHINGTON — (UP) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's political managers proclaimed jubilantly Tuesday that the now have all they need to set up the Republican presidential nomination.

Eisenhower's public confirmation Monday that he is a Republican, can be drafted and will let his name go before the voters in the March 11 New Hampshire primary, was even more than some of his backers had expected in the way of a green light.

It offset any possible dismay over the fact that the general ruled out coming home to take personal hand in the campaign.

The opposing forces of Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio concede privately that Eisenhower's statement will make it a little harder for them to line up delegates to the GOP nominating convention next July. But they insisted the Taft is still a sure winner.

A top-level strategy meeting of the Taft forces is expected within a few days to make plans for coping with the changed situation. Up to now the Taft movement has banked heavily on uncertainty about Eisenhower's intentions as a persuasive talking point with convention delegates.

The official comments of the Eisenhower boosters were mostly formal statements hailing the general's announcement as a sign he is destined to win the nomination and election.

Their private reaction was enthusiastic: "that's all we need. Now we can really go."

Eisenhower's declared availability caused no apparent dismay to the other two announced candidates for the GOP nomination—Gov. Earl Warren of California and former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota.

Actually, their prospects may be greatly improved with Eisenhower in the race. Political observers regard both as dark-horse contenders whose main hope lies in an Eisenhower-Taft deadlock at the convention.

Stassen said that he is "out to win" the GOP presidential nomination despite Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's invitation for a draft.

Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, said Eisenhower's announcement "clears the air." But Stassen said he is convinced he can win the nomination himself.

Warren commented that Eisenhower will be "a very powerful candidate for president."

## Fire Ravages Oregon Town

JOHN DAY, Ore. — (AP)—Fire broke out in the business section here Tuesday and destroyed three downtown stores in this Eastern Oregon town.

The blaze apparently started at the Sproule Reitz Variety Store, then spread to an adjacent grocery store, Chester's Market, and Farley's Men's Wear Store.

All three were destroyed. The amount of loss was not estimated at once.

All available men in the city turned out in sub freezing temperatures at 9:30 a.m. to help combat the flames. No one was injured.

Fire departments came from Marysville, Prairie City and Canyon City to help fight the flames. John Day is a town of 1,600.

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# Parking Expert Sounds Warning to Property Owners

By CHARLES PETERSON  
Register-Guard Staff Writer

Going "up in the air" is the only way to solve Eugene's downtown parking problem.

That's what 100 Chamber of Commerce members, public officials and other interested citizens were told Monday night by Frank E. Cox, of Berkeley, Cal. Cox has made nationwide studies of the relationship between parking and retail sales for his employer, the Kawneer Co.

**Has Made Study**  
Cox was brought to Eugene in connection with the study undertaken by a Chamber of Commerce committee of the local downtown parking problem.

The multi-story parking centers already in use in some cities are the only answer for Eugene, Cox said. They can be put in for about \$400 or \$500 per stall using equipment now on the market, he said.

Surface facilities he ruled out as too expensive in view of high downtown property values. Underground facilities at about \$2000 per stall are also prohibitive. And

parking has to be located close to business, Cox stated, because studies have shown that in cities the size of Eugene the average shopper will walk only 350 feet to his—or more probably, her—first destination. This makes parking areas outside the immediate shopping district unfeasible, Cox said.

**Grim Picture**  
Cox painted a grim picture of what could happen to downtown merchants and property owners if steps aren't taken to solve the parking difficulties. He dwelt at length on the decentralization of business in many cities, large and small, which has taken much retail trade to newly developed fringe areas.

"People have gone to the perimeter areas to live and have taken their shopping habits with them," Cox said. "Some may say that decentralization can't happen here . . . but if they do they are sticking their heads in the sand."

He mentioned such cities as Detroit, Seattle, Boston, Walnut Creek and Salinas, Calif., as places where decentralization has become

a reality, with or without the cooperation of downtown business.

In Salinas, he said, a man established a one-stop shopping center one mile from the center of town which in three and one-half years was doing 40 per cent of the city's total retail trade.

"Who was hurt most by this?" Cox asked. Not the merchants, he said, for they are mobile and can move to where the business is. In

Station KERG will broadcast a recording of Cox's address from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday.

all cases, it is the property owner who loses most, he claimed. He is "stuck" with his building and his land when business moves, Cox stated.

Cox cited some figures to prove that Eugene's businessmen weren't reaping all the harvest they should be from the 85 per cent increase in the county's population between 1940 and 1950. Although annual retail sales in Eugene have reached \$80 million, the \$36 million in sales outside the city represents a more rapid rate of gain, he claimed.

"Can Eugene's downtown district hold its own as population increases in the perimeter areas?" he continued. "If there's a doubt in your mind, you have plenty to worry about, especially if you're a property owner," he answered.

"Eugene has done a swell job of studying its parking problem," Cox said. But, he warned, "if you don't take action you're a 'done duck,' and I don't mean maybe."

Cox went over the ratio of downtown store floor space to off street parking facilities. While in perimeter shopping centers stores ask an average of three square feet of parking space for each square foot of floor space, the ratio in downtown figures out to one-third of a foot of parking space per foot of floor area.

He based his figures on an average of 300 square feet per space, counting parking area and entrances and exits. Eugene has 1747 off street spaces, he said, or 524,100 square feet of off street facilities, as against 1.6 million square feet of floor space in its downtown stores.

Illustrating the value of parking facilities, Cox mentioned one department store manager who figures each parking space controlled solely by him and within 300 feet of his store is worth between \$2000 and \$3000 in retail business during one year.

Eugene's 2200 curb parking areas Cox discounted because they give a shopper too little time. He mentioned that studies in Seattle's Northgate development have shown that the longer a shopper has, the better product he or she is likely to buy.

"Is there any woman who can buy a hat in 30 minutes?" Cox asked, figuring that it would take her at least 30 minutes to get around to the actual start of the operation.

Public transportation systems are not the key to the parking problem, Cox continued. "People are putting themselves on wheels," he had said earlier, a statement he brought home when he said that 16,700 cars enter the Eugene downtown district daily.

As an aside, he mentioned that 5950 of these belong to business

men and their employees. Cox wondered out loud whether it was a wise practice to force customers to walk several blocks while a businessman had his own car parked in front of his store.

Speaking of who should pay for off street parking development, he mentioned such plans as the city's shouldering of the whole burden, a split between the city, the merchant and the property owner, and the systems under which private business carries the whole load.

As a note of warning to any who might feel that Eugene faces no one-stop shopping development, Cox warned, "There are people who have their eyes on Eugene." For merchants and property owners not to be aware of this would be worse than foolish, he said.

## PAPER BACKS IKE

PORTLAND — (UP) — The Oregonian gave its "unqualified approval" Tuesday to the campaign to nominate and elect Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to the presidency as a Republican.