

Sen. Taft Gains On Eisenhower In N.H. Primary

Truman Favored To Beat Kefauver

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CONCORD, N. H. — (AP) — A county-by-county newspaper estimate of popular sentiment in New Hampshire indicated Friday that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is holding a narrow margin and possibly a shaky margin over Sen. Robert A. Taft in the battle for Republican votes in the state's presidential primary election, March 11.

The editors of eight Associated Press member newspapers have been conducting a continuing survey, each in his immediate area.

THEIR APPRAISALS ranged from a 55-45 percentage edge for Eisenhower in some counties down to an almost even division of sentiment in others.

On the Democratic side, the same editors agreed that the party machine, if it is thrown into high gear, will easily crush a budding growth of sentiment for Sen. Estes Kefauver, of Tennessee, and give President Truman a spanking majority of popular votes and convention delegates.

The editors also agreed that:

● Taft has made long gains during the past few weeks after a late start in organizing. Originally, Eisenhower was considered an overwhelming favorite in New Hampshire, chiefly because of his support by the state's top Republican leadership.

● The primary outcome may be decided by the effect of Taft's appearances here next week.

● A heavy snowfall reducing "back country" attendance at the town meetings on primary election day could seriously hurt Taft's chances. The rural communities are considered strongly favorable to Taft, whereas Eisenhower's popularity is rated greatest in the cities.

New Hampshire voters will register preference of two types in the primary.

THEY WILL vote for delegates running as favorably to Taft, Eisenhower and Gen. Douglas MacArthur as Republicans; and for Truman, Kefauver and ex-Postmaster-General James Farley on the Democratic side.

AT THE SAME time they will vote directly for the presidential candidates in a "popularity contest." The result is not binding on delegates.

In this section, Harold Stassen's name is entered, although Stassen does not have a slate of delegates up for election. Vice versa, a full slate of delegates is running for Gen. MacArthur, but MacArthur's name is not in the "popularity contest."

Trappists Plan Big Monastery Near Salt Lake

HUNTSVILLE, Utah — (AP) — Architects' drawings of a \$30,000,000 Cistercian monastery to be constructed near Huntsville were shown Friday by leaders of the Trappist sect.

A small, temporary monastery was constructed five years ago by 34 Trappist monks who came to Utah at the invitation of the bishop of the Salt Lake Catholic Diocese, the Most Rev. Duane G. Hunt.

The original buildings, under the new, long-range development plan, eventually will become the center of an expanded industrial, farm and dairy project.

Bulk of the new construction, most to be done by the monks, will be on a 90,000 square foot Abbey of Our Lady of the Holy Trinity. The monastic quadrangle will follow 12th century French Gothic style and will include a 232-foot high tower.

Stone for the structures will be quarried on the sect's own Huntsville property, high in the Wasatch Mountains east of Ogden. Plans for the new monastery were drawn by the Salt Lake City firm of Ashton, Evans and Brazier.

Liberty Freighter Limps Into Portland

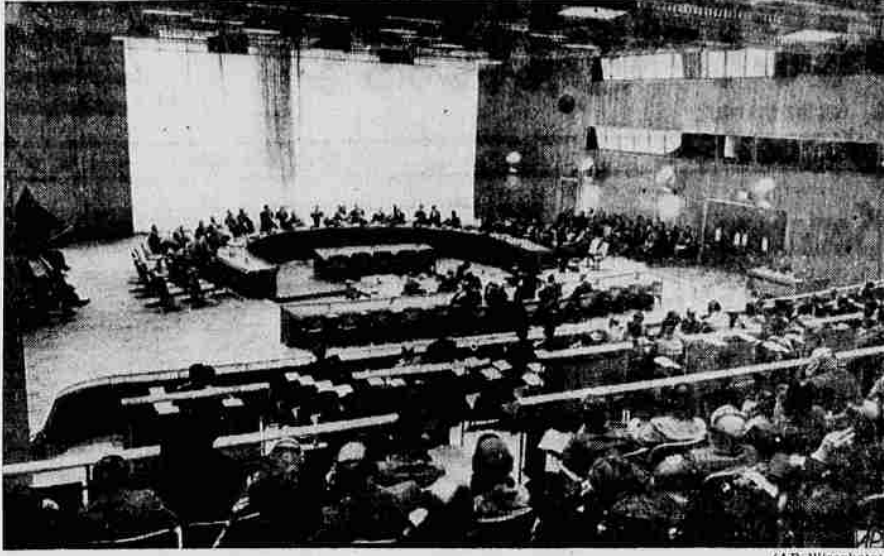
PORTLAND — (AP) — The Liberty freighter Augustin Daly limped back into Portland Thursday for \$10,000 in repairs of damage suffered in a downriver collision.

In heavy fog the Daly and the French motorship Bresle collided near Puget Island. The Bresle headed out of the river for Cuba, after undergoing inspection at Astoria.



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THE UN'S NEW five-story conference building was opened Wednesday with this meeting of the UN Trusteeship council in the most unorthodox of all rooms in the structure which represents the last word in modernity. Most unusual features of this chamber are multi-colored lattice work suspended from the ceiling and a carpet with bright multi-colored stripes.

Russell's Entry in Race May Hurt Kefauver's Bid

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sen. Russell of Georgia, in entering the Democratic presidential race may have snatched the Dixie banner from Tennessee's candidate Estes Kefauver.

Moreover, Russell is seen as a threat to President Truman himself if the President decides to run again.

Truman said Thursday he won't make his plans known before about March 29 at the earliest.

RUSSELL, POPULAR 54-year-old bachelor, already has received favorable reactions from governors of South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, and Mississippi, and probably will get the support of the Texas governor who has been urging him to run. He has the backing of a dozen southern senators. This support for the Georgian, who describes himself as a "Jeffersonian Democrat who believes in the greatest practicable degree of local self-government," is far more potent than the leadership which sparked the 1948 states rights revolt.

However, his entry into the race strengthens Truman's hand in one way: If the President doesn't run and backs Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois, the governor might find

VFW Protests Armory Rental

GRANTS PASS — (AP) — The Veterans of Foreign Wars protested to the governor and the adjutant general Thursday over use of the armory here for a meeting of some 600 members of the Jehovah's Witnesses religious sect.

But the governor's office said in Salem it would not enter the controversy.

About two months ago, Major Don Burke, battalion commander of four South Oregon National Guard companies, signed a rental agreement with Jehovah's Witnesses for use of the armory for meetings scheduled this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Burke said before he signed the agreement he conferred with the adjutant general's office and was advised that there was no objection.

The VFW post, after reports of the meeting were published Wednesday, protested the sect has been involved in court cases concerning objection to saluting the American flag.

Ed Armstrong, secretary to Governor McKay, said in Salem that armory rentals were left to local officers but that under policy no distinction was made as to race or creed.

Delegates from Oregon and California are expected at the meeting.

Perjury Charge

WASHINGTON — (AP) — E. Merl Young, former Reconstruction Finance Corp. employe, was re-indicted for perjury by a federal grand jury Thursday.

Young, whose wife's \$9450 mink coat made headlines last year, was charged with lying to a Senate committee investigating alleged influence in the making of RFC loans.

Elves, Gnomes Ask Moon Mineral Rights

BERKELEY, Calif. — (AP) — A claim for mineral rights on the moon was filed Tuesday in behalf of the Elves, Gnomes and Little Men's Science Fiction Chowder and Marching Society. The society's chairman, Lester Cole, announced the claim was sent to Escar Schachter of the legal department of the United Nations.

his cause helped by a possible three-way split in the south.

Kefauver publicly welcomed Russell's entry into the Democratic race. He said it would bring a new discussion of issues, which is a healthy thing.

The Tennesseean, in a New York television show, said Thursday night there ought to be more emphasis on "things other than armament" in the American foreign policy.

On the whole, however, he said he backed the administration's policy, although he said the people should "have more confidence in our ability to lead the world."

Other political developments: ● Sen. Taft of Ohio, a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, said in Cleveland he hoped to win four of New Hampshire's 14 delegates to the GOP National Convention.

At the same time, he protested his position on the New Hampshire ballot—last, because names are listed alphabetically, putting Gen. Eisenhower, Harold E. Stassen, and a St. Louis attorney, William R. Schneider, ahead of him. His objection was turned down.

Taft was more pleased with news from Florida, where 16 of the 18 state delegates selected Monday are reported to favor him. He wired his thanks.

● Gov. Warren of California, another announced GOP aspirant, entered the April 1 Wisconsin primary. Taft, Stassen and a backer of Gen. MacArthur also are entered.

A full slate of 30 delegate candidates was entered for Warren in Wisconsin, but leaders said there was an understanding they would switch to Eisenhower at the convention if Warren's chances fade.

● From Minnesota came word that the names of neither Eisenhower nor Kefauver will appear on the March 18 Minnesota presidential primary election ballots.

This means Stassen, former Minnesota governor, will fight it out with a MacArthur backer for the state's GOP delegates, and Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.) will be alone on the Democratic ballot.

Kefauver originally was entered, but didn't want to buck Humphrey. Humphrey's Minnesota votes will be turned over to Truman if he runs, the Senator has said.

Train Mail Loss Worst in History

9 Cars Destroyed In Truck Collision

OGDEN, Utah — (AP) — A postal inspector said that Thursday's spectacular fire that swept through a mail train when it ran into an overturned, flaming gasoline tanker trailer east of here caused the largest single train loss in U.S. history.

Nine cars, filled with mail and express, were destroyed by the blaze which enveloped Union Pacific's train No. 5, westbound from Chicago. No one was injured seriously.

The regional postal inspector, R. B. Dunbar of Denver, said that approximately 50 per cent of the mail on the train—estimated at 350 tons by Utah authorities—was destroyed or badly damaged. Five of the cars were bound for northern California by way of the Oakland terminal, one for Salt Lake City, one for Ogden and one for Los Angeles, Dunbar said most of the mail originated in Chicago, where the train was made up.

The ninth car was a railway postoffice and much of its contents was saved by prompt action of its crew. Many government checks were visible on the scene, spilled from burned sacks, but Dunbar said he did not know if any specific government payroll was involved. One sealed car of all-registered mail was among those destroyed.



(AP Wirephoto)

THERE'S NOTHING like a man around the house as far as bride Elizabeth Taylor is concerned. The Hollywood actress ignores the cold of Alpe d'Huez, near Grenoble, France, as she hugs her husband of a week, British actor Michael Wilding.

Non-Battle Deaths Asked in Congress

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Three Republican Senators announced they would put up a fight Friday to force Secretary of Defense Lovett and other Pentagon officials to give Congress exact figures on non-battle casualties in Korea.

Senator Knowland (R-Cal) told the Senate late Thursday he had been "given a complete rundown by the Secretary of Defense" when he asked for these statistics.

KNOWLAND SAID Congress is entitled to "this pertinent information" because under the constitution it has the responsibility of deciding on the size and maintenance of the armed forces.

"I shall make an issue of this matter," Knowland said, adding he would fight through the Senate armed services and appropriations committee to get the data.

Senators Cain (R-Wash) and Kern (R-Mo) promised Knowland full support.

Knowland had asked for "accumulated non-battle casualty figures" since the Korean War started.

Lovett's reply said battle casualties through Feb. 22 numbered 105,922 and that the Army had not been making the non-battle casualties public in recent months.

The Defense Secretary said these formerly included men who checked into sick bays or even asked for an aspirin.

LOVETT SAID U.S. Armed Forces all over the world suffered

17,754 battle deaths from June 1950—the starting date of the Korean War—through the end of 1951. There were, he said, "total deaths from all other causes." Total deaths were listed at 28,838.

Knowland said Lovett's answer did not supply the information he asked and raised an issue which will have to be fought out.

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