

Politicos Alert For New Hints From Ike, HST

President Talks
To Party Chairman

By Associated Press

Political leaders were alerted Tuesday for fresh hints of the intentions of President Truman and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower—the two "mystery" candidates for the presidential nominations.

It was considered probable that the Democratic campaign was being charted in conferences between Truman and National Party Chairman Frank E. McKinney at Key West, Fla.

TRUMAN HAS NOT said whether he intends to run. A national committee official said in Washington the Democrats were anxiously urging the President at least to let McKinney in on his secret. They said the party chairman should have at least enough of an insight to give them private guidance.

Eisenhower whetted the hopes of his Republican backers with a letter to 18 GOP House members that was made public Monday. The general said he does not regard himself as "indispensable to the success of NATO"—the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, whose military forces he now heads. He promised he would regularly re-examine the political situation.

MOST MEMBERS of Congress who commented interpreted this to mean Eisenhower was leaving the way open for him to come home and campaign, although few expect him back before May.

Eisenhower said in January he would accept the nomination if it were offered, but "in the absence of a clear-cut call to political duty" would not ask to be relieved of his command and would not engage in pre-convention campaigning.

Other happenings in the presidential kaleidoscope:

● Paul G. Hoffman, an Eisenhower supporter, said in Paris he had talked with the general and urged him "to come home whenever he can with a clear conscience, whether this be tomorrow or in May."

● Sen. Taft of Ohio opened his Wisconsin campaign for the Republican nomination by speaking in nine towns, criticizing his GOP opponents and Truman's administration. Wisconsin's Presidential primary is April 1.

● Harold E. Stassen, covering much the same ground in Wisconsin, invited supporters of Eisenhower and Gen. Douglas MacArthur to back delegates pledged to him. The former Minnesota governor said neither is entered in the Wisconsin primary but "my policies more closely represent their views than any other candidate."

● Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, seeking the Democratic Presidential nomination, told a New York news conference his campaign finances "are still a worry with us—a very big worry."

● Minnesota voters held their Presidential primary Tuesday with Eisenhower backers pushing a written campaign. Only Stassen and Edward G. Slettedahl were on the Republican side. Sen. Humphrey of Minnesota, on the Democratic slate, is a Truman backer.

Indonesia Sells Tin

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Indonesia has agreed to sell the United States 18,000 tons of scarce tin annually for the next three years at a price of \$1.18 a pound.



DR. HENRY M. SCHMITZ, former dean of the University School of Agriculture and Forestry, has been named president of the University of Washington.

Kiwanis Club Sees Slides in Europe

Members of the Eugene Kiwanis Club Monday viewed slides taken of a recent European trip taken by Rev. Robert Burton, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church in River Road.

In his introductory remarks, Rev. Burton stressed the importance of understanding the self-centered approach countries take toward world problems. In order to gain an appreciation of the European scene, Burton said we must learn to "see France as she sees herself, Germany as she sees herself," and so forth.

Voyage to Moon Tough Problem

Cigar-Like Rocket
Might Do the Job

PHILADELPHIA — (AP) — The moon, with all its romantic significance, is nothing but a great, big problem to scientists. The problem is how to reach it.

Dr. I. M. Levitt, director of the Fels Planetarium in Philadelphia, has an idea on how to solve it. Speaking at a meeting of the Rittenhouse Astronomical Society, Dr. Levitt said a rocket ship about 250 feet long and 75 feet in diameter, shaped like a cigar, should do the job. The cost would be about \$200,000,000.

The major problem is fuel. Dr. Levitt said the best fuel today is a mixture of alcohol and liquid oxygen which could power a craft at a speed of two miles per second. That isn't fast enough, however, Dr. Levitt said the ship must attain the speed of "escape velocity," which is seven miles per second, before it can break loose from earth's gravitational pull.

Dr. Levitt said step rockets could provide the extra push for the ship to reach "escape velocity." Once that speed is attained, the ship would revolve around the earth like a satellite. Then, he said, it can be used as a jumping-off place for other craft, saving them the trouble of reaching "escape velocity" before soaring into the cosmos.

The astronomer said a space ship satellite could be used for world-wide weather predictions, scientific vacuum experiments, a radar beacon for navigators around the world and clearer observations of the universe by astronomers. The first nation to put a satellite rocket into space will control the earth, he predicted.

16-Foot Drifts Maroon 1200 Dakota Families

BISMARCK, N.D. — (AP) — All available state and private equipment was ordered into the battle Tuesday against the 12- to 16-foot drifts that have marooned 1200 farm families and herds of starving cattle in North Dakota's "blizzard belt."

Bulldozers struggled through the night against the drifting snows as Gov. Norman Brundage awaited word from President Truman in answer to his plea for emergency funds.

County commissioners estimated the clearing project would take seven to 10 days and authorities said they might have to resort to an air drop, similar to "Operation Haylift" of 1949, to aid the starving cattle.

Brundage telegraphed President Truman Monday at Key West, Fla., asking for aid and the President immediately ordered the home financing agency to investigate.

A representative of the agency headed into the stricken area last night to inspect the situation. He planned to confer with the governor on steps to be taken.

Poor visibility has restricted air operations over the 1800-mile area in the southwest portion of the state but civil air patrol planes went into the air Monday to search for signs of life in the white-blanketed countryside.

Elmer Moreland, Bowman County Red Cross chairman, said conditions in Slope and Bowman counties were worse than in 1949. The Fifth Army was called in at that time to help clear the roads.

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