

Ike May Reveal Election Plans In Radio Report

Congress Shelves Invitation to General

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
It seemed unlikely Tuesday that Congress would invite Gen. Eisenhower home, but there was a prospect he might announce next week whatever his plans are for returning.

The development spiced presidential nomination races already quickening in states like Wisconsin and Nebraska. It goes this way: The Senate Foreign Relations Committee had shelved a proposal to ask Eisenhower, Allied defense commander in Europe, for personal testimony on the foreign aid bill.

THE PROPOSAL originally rejected 7 to 5, had been reconsidered and set aside pending testimony of Eisenhower's right-hand man, Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther. Gruenther talked to the committee Monday. Afterward, three of the five Senators who had voted for the proposal originally said they were satisfied with the information Gruenther gave them. Eisenhower, being boomed for the Republican presidential nomination, reports April 2, via radio and television, on the first year of western buildup under his command. He could ask, then or later, to be relieved.

House Democratic Leader McCormack of Massachusetts, meanwhile, said Eisenhower should give up his command or become an active presidential aspirant. Eisenhower-For-President headquarters, in reply to the statement, said it means the Democrats regard the general as their "No. 1 threat."

IN WISCONSIN, Sen. Kefauver told a reporter how he feels about his chances in the Wisconsin and Nebraska Democratic presidential primaries. He said Wisconsin gave him the "rare experience" of being favored to beat President Truman and Nebraska posed a "tough job" of winning out over Sen. Kerr of Oklahoma.

Three Republican candidates sought the Wisconsin vote—Sen. Taft of Ohio, Gov. Warren of California and former Gov. Stassen of Minnesota. Taft and Stassen carried on full-tilt stump campaigns and Warren was considered a vote-getter among Democrats, as he is in California, since party lines may be crossed at the polls in Wisconsin.

EISENHOWER and Taft wrote in drives put steam into the Nebraska campaign. Rep. Buffett of Nebraska, back home to direct the Taft drive, told a Young Republicans meeting that "on the record, Taft cannot be defeated because he has never been defeated and he has run for office time after time."

Nate Holman of Lincoln, an Eisenhower backer, told the same group that Eisenhower's write-in campaign will succeed because "the people of Nebraska feel so strongly about him."

South Dakota Republicans have a choice in their June 3 primary between two slates of 14 delegates, one for Taft and one for Eisenhower. **CALIFORNIA** felt a stir of activity among Democrats as Republicans. Herbert C. Holdridge of Los Angeles declared as a Democratic candidate and a 10-member GOP delegation for Warren was named. The primaries are June 3. In Cookeville, Tenn., two more Taft-instructed GOP presidential delegates were elected, assuring Taft of 14 of Tennessee's 20 national convention votes.

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Planes Blast Rail Network

SEOUL, Korea — (AP) — U.S. Sabre jets pilots reported they destroyed one Red jet and probably shot down another Tuesday in the second day of renewed air war over Northwest Korea.

The battle was fought near the Manchurian border between 32 U.S. F-86 Sabres and about 60 Russian-type MIG-15s. The Fifth Air Force said the new victory brought to 18 the number of Communist jets destroyed or damaged in two days.

American losses, if any, are announced once a week. Elements of three U.S. air wings blasted 56 new cuts in the railway network between Chongju and Sinju, U.S. Marines cut the Suncheon-Pyongyang line in 14 places and Republic of Korea fliers added four cuts near Sarwon.

Australian pilots concentrated their bombs on five supply buildings near Haeju on the West Coast. U.S. Eighth Army reported only two patrol clashes along the 155-mile battlefield Tuesday morning. Both were on the Western front.

One skirmish, west of Yonchon, lasted an hour and a half. The Army said one Chinese Communist was killed. In another battle, north of Korangpo, five Reds were killed in a 30-minute rifle duel.

Ex-College President Dies After Operation

PORTLAND — (AP) — Dr. Edward L. Clark, 58, president of Multnomah College here since 1926, died at his home Tuesday. Last month he had undergone an operation for a brain tumor. He had been active in church and civic activities since coming here from Tennessee in 1919. Survivors include the widow and three children.

Overcome by Smoke

Six Die in Skid Row Fire

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — A flash fire swept the upper floors of the St. George hotel in the heart of Los Angeles skid row early Tuesday, killing at least six persons. Only the heroic efforts of night clerk Leland Whitehouse kept the toll from soaring higher. More than 50 of the hotel's residents were temporarily overcome by smoke. But only 10 persons were hospitalized. Others were treated at the scene by fire department inhalator squads.

FIVE MISSIONARY students knelt on the sidewalk across the street from the ravaged hotel, praying for the victims as the charred bodies were removed from the hotel. The dead, all men, were first deposited on the street in front of the five-story structure. Later they were removed to the city morgue where efforts were made to identify them. The blaze was reported to clerk Whitehouse shortly after 3 a.m.

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By LYMAN COBURN

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hung tenaciously on a top floor ledge, only to finally lose his grasp and plummet to his death. The other victims suffocated, their bodies found huddled in bed or on the floor, mute evidence they sought to crawl to windows and safety. At least 15 persons leaped to the safety of fire nets. Others scrambled down ladders. Skele's employ only experienced precision watch makers.



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