

Ike Plans Active Campaign Only if Nominated in July

Can Lick GOP, Kefauver Says

POCATELLO, Idaho — (AP) — Sen. Kefauver says he can whip any Republican presidential nominee, but "if by chance" he doesn't get the Democratic nomination he will fully support whoever does.

Speaking here and in Boise, Idaho, the Tennessee Democratic presidential hopeful made it clear, also, that he favors government development of power resources in the Pacific Northwest, a subject of considerable interest in this region.

On the power situation, Kefauver said he long has supported government development of power on the Columbia and Snake Rivers, and also was an advocate of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The proposed Hells Canyon dam, however—a controversial subject in the Northwest—found the senator non-committal.

At a Saturday morning press conference, Kefauver was asked what he thought of his reception in what his questioner called "Republican territory" in Idaho. The Tennesseean replied:

"I don't consider this to be Republican territory. Idaho is a Democratic state—or at least it ought to be."

PARIS — (AP) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower announced Saturday he will wage an active campaign for the presidency only if he is nominated by the Republican national convention.

If nominated, he told correspondents at a press conference, he will resign his army commission and wage an all-out battle against the candidate of the Democratic party. Until then he will not make an active campaign, he said.

The five-star general said he resigned as Supreme Commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to prevent the interference of politics with the vital job of building West Europe's defensive strength.

His resignation, he stressed in his 10-minute conference, was from that command and not from the U. S. Army.

AS A SOLDIER, he said, there are restrictions on his activities which make an active campaign for the Republican presidential nomination impossible.

But if the G.O.P. picks him as the Republican candidate, all would change. He would then drop the role of a soldier and be "free to speak and act as a private citizen," in the time between the

Republican convention in July and the elections in November. The general did not put his position that bluntly.

He still wears the uniform of the U. S. Army and he is still active head of SHAPE, he noted. But he made his position clear. After stressing that his resignation from his NATO command did not mean he was finished with the U. S. Army, he added:

"IF, HOWEVER, I should —

Sunday Opening Due for Capitol On Blossom Day

SALEM — (AP) — Your state capitol will be open again this summer on Sundays for the benefit of the thousands of tourists who make their annual trek to Oregon's seat of government.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry said the Sunday openings will start a week from Sunday—on April 20—in conjunction with Salem's annual Cherry Blossom day. Through the winter the doors of the capitol were locked on Sunday.

through the current effort now going on at home—be nominated in July to political office, I shall promptly submit to the President my resignation as an officer of the Army. From that point on, I would be free to act and speak as any other citizen without any of the limitations imposed by the traditions of the military establishment."

He is scheduled to make a major homecoming address on June 4 in his hometown of Abilene, Kans.

He said he has no plans whatsoever for the period immediately following his return to the United States, except that he hopes he will be permitted a brief vacation with his wife.

IN HIS PRESS conference Eisenhower said politics and the demands upon him from the U. S. were the primary reasons for his resignation at this time from his NATO command. He waited only long enough for the "paper war" defense exercises on his command to end before making public a decision already taken privately 10 days ago.

Eisenhower told reporters who crowded into his conference room that he will permit no discussion of political questions at his headquarters or with him in the period before he leaves for the United States.

A Rising Salton Sea Causes Air Base Relocation Problems

INDIO, Calif. — (AP) — The Salton Sea, 237.3 feet below sea level, has risen two feet since last October and has forced the relocation of runways and other facilities of the Sandy Beach Atomic Energy Base.

The 4-mile long body of water is causing thousands of dollars damage to docks, piers and private property, and damage claims have been filed with the Imperial and Coachella irrigation districts by a beach resort owner and a farmer.

Imperial Irrigation District authorities said that the sea has gained about 583 million tons of water in the past six months.

STORMS HAVE contributed only a small portion of this, seepage and natural inflow being chiefly responsible.

Water authorities say it is impossible to estimate when the rise

will stop, but that engineering studies indicate it may continue at the rate of about 15 inches a year and eventually reach a configuration below sea level.

The lower the figure the higher the water level when dealing with figures below sea level.

The Salton Sea, located chiefly in the Imperial and Coachella valleys, a desert area, originally

was considered to have been part of the Gulf of California.

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Truman Offers Tax Records

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman offered Saturday to open federal tax returns of government officials for House investigators — if they make him a written report outlining the allegations and credible evidence they obtained elsewhere.

Mr. Truman imposed these "appropriate limitations" on the House Judiciary subcommittee which is investigating the Justice department.

The subcommittee, headed by Rep. Frank L. Chelf (D-Ky.), had asked for tax records of 20 individuals in the Justice Department, including ousted Attorney General J. Howard McGrath.

Names of the other 19 have not been announced, but it was learned that T. Lamar Caudle, dismissed by President Truman last fall as assistant attorney general, was among them.

First Map of Radioactive Air Charted by Atomic Commission

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE
Associated Press Science Reporter
NEW YORK — (AP) — The first complete daily radioactivity map of the United States is being charted here by the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission.

The map shows the radioactive dust falling to the ground, and also radioactivity in the air, as both float across the United States from our A-bombs in Nevada or at Eniwetok.

It could, in emergency, also show Russian A-bomb radioactivity as that floats around the world to us.

This more than doubles any previous monitoring.

The stations are set in a pattern of concentric circles from the Nevada bomb site, ranging between 250 and 500 miles apart. They are closer together over the heavily populated east.

By coincidence the mathematical grid misses Oklahoma, North Carolina and Vermont, but fully protects them with stations along their borders. In Nevada there is extra monitoring.

THE MAPPING was described Wednesday by Merrill Eisenbud of the commission's New York office, where he heads the monitoring system. There are radioactivity detectors in 120 weather stations and one station not a weather bureau, here in the commission's office.

FOR CATCHING radioactivity from A-bombs, vacuum cleaners are stripped down to draw air through a filter pad about as big as the palm of your hand. Trays catch dust, on fly paper. The papers are folded for shipment and both papers and pads sent to New York. They are coming now at the rate of 400 a day.

Each paper or pad is placed in a metal cup the size of a cup cake. Each cup goes into an individual little electric furnace about as big as a small radio set. There the contents burn to white ashes, each cup producing an ash pad the size of a half dollar.

These white discs are sealed by machine inside a plastic tape, eight inches between each, with each tape about 75 feet long. There is an identifying label on each "half dollar."

THE TAPES are run through radioactivity counting machines which measure and write the extra radioactivity from bombs.

If our bombs should ever spew excess radioactivity the map is designed to detect it before harm can be done.

Pressmen Strike Tacoma Paper

TACOMA — (AP) — Pressmen went on strike Saturday in a wage dispute at The News Tribune, Tacoma's only daily newspaper.

The management said pressmen asked \$3.10 an hour for day work and rejected an offer of \$2.95.

Officials of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union AFL were not immediately available for comment.

News Tribune executives said pickets appeared without notice after employees had reported for work. They said other unions were not asked to pass the picket lines and that efforts would not be made "under present conditions to maintain continuous publication."

The paper publishes several afternoon editions. There is a Sunday paper, the Tacoma Sunday Ledger, under the same management.

Publisher Frank S. Baker of the News Tribune said the scale sought by the pressmen would exceed the highest newspaper pressmen's scale in the United States by nearly 15 cents an hour.

The management said the 26 regular journeymen pressmen who worked five days or more during the week ended April 10 were paid an average of \$111.48 each.

Water Level Plans Formed

PORTLAND, Ore. — (AP) — Plans were made here Saturday by the water management subcommittee of the Columbia Basin Interagency Committee to regulate the reservoir levels of Grand Coulee and Hungry Horse dams during the annual spring run off period.

A subcommittee spokesman said levels of the reservoirs would be kept consistent with power production needs and yet low enough to allow maximum storage space.

Other federal reservoirs in the basin, constructed primarily for irrigation purposes, will be utilized to the fullest extent for flood control without interfering with irrigation uses.

CAB Decides Crash Cause

NEW YORK — (AP) — The Civil Aeronautics Board Saturday blamed improperly installed cylinder nuts for the crash of an airliner at Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 16 which took 56 lives.

In a 26-page report, the CAB listed three infractions of aircraft regulations as contributing to the second worst air crash in this country's history.

These were the improper installation of the cylinder nuts, an overload and "informal, irregular and therefore inadequate" emergency training procedure.

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