

Ike Now Ahead In Hot Contest For Delegates

Kefauver, Russell
Campaign in South

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Democrats and Republicans had fresh sparks flying from each of their hottest rivalries Friday and President Truman tossed in a little tinder of his own.

The Taft-Eisenhower duel for GOP presidential-nominating delegates switched leads, with a boost from Truman's home state of Missouri.

In deep-south Florida, the Kefauver-Russell race was taking on a ruddier glow.

Here were the developments, tempered by Connecticut Sen. McMahon's bid for the Democratic nomination and Truman's talk about politics at his Thursday news conference:

• Gen. Eisenhower picked up eight new delegates in Republican district conventions in Missouri. This put the general, for the first time, ahead of Sen. Taft of Ohio in the Associated Press tabulation of pre-convention delegate strength.

The delegate score—compiled from concessions, pledges, instructions and avowed leanings—gives Eisenhower 278 to 274 for Taft. The Ohioan's headquarters claims 344 for Taft, 268 for Eisenhower, not counting Missouri.

• Florida Gov. Fuller Warren has agreed to meet Sen. Kefauver of Tennessee in debate Monday night at Miami. Kefauver, who has swapped words with the governor ever since his Senate Crime Committee tried in vain to call Warren as a witness, wants the debate limited to a half-hour each.

He says time is precious in his race against Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia for votes in Florida's May 6 popularity poll and May 27 delegate election. Warren insists on no time limit.

• Russell, in a Jacksonville speech, took Kefauver to task for his stand on a Fair Employment Practices Commission (FEPC), which would bar job discrimination because of race. In a Congress speech five years ago, Russell said, Kefauver talked against FEPC but now says he would accept an FEPC plank in the Democratic Party platform.

• Taft told a reporter in Akron he "would not turn down an invitation" debate with Eisenhower, returning about June 1 from his Allied defense command in Europe. Taft added, however, he feels debates are more appropriate to general elections than to primaries.

• Indiana Republicans formally approved advancing the state nominating convention from July 3 to June 7, just six days after Eisenhower is expected back. The move was interpreted as a victory for Taft backers.

• Taft and Eisenhower will share Nevada's 12-vote GOP delegation—the way leaders figure it—but the Democrats' 10-vote state seems likely to be unsplit. State conventions will name both on May 10.

Fire Damages Hotel in Dallas

DALLAS, Ore. — (AP) — Fire swept through the two-story frame Gail Hotel here Friday morning, but all 30 occupants had ample warning to flee to safety.

Dan Friesen, the hotel operator, said he checked every room before leaving and all were out.

Six members of one family were occupying one room, he said.

The hotel is in two parts, one of which is among the oldest buildings in town. Years ago fire took off its third floor.

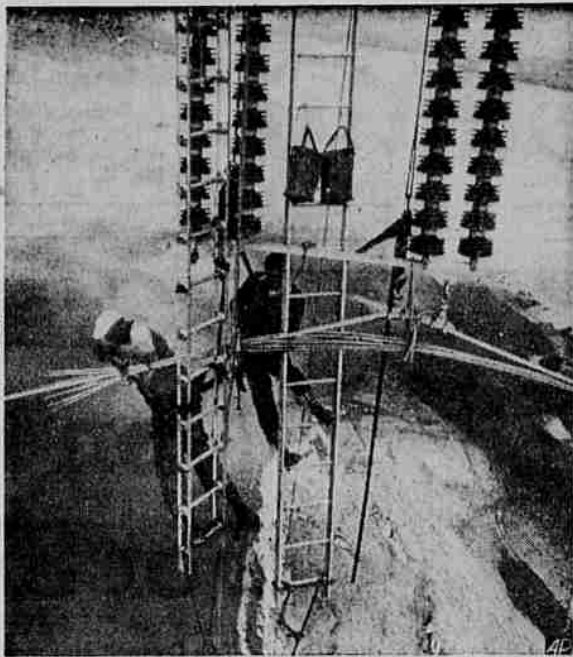
Friday's fire was discovered at about 7:30 a.m. by a guest who saw flames eating through the ceiling from the attic.

Dense smoke hampered firemen as they poured streams of water on the blazing structure. They were able to control the fire but not before heavy damage.

BOTTOMS DOWN
LONDON — (AP) — A resolution urging a reduction of the government sales tax on long winter underwear has been introduced in the House of Commons by Laborite Ian Winterbottom and R. E. Winterbottom.

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WITH A LEATHER BELT between him and eternity a power lineman (left) virtually lifts himself from his precarious perch, 400 feet above the Sacramento River (right) some 40 miles east of San Francisco. He and his companion, who is virtually sitting in air, are installing protective armor rod on a power cable of the Shasta-Tracy west side transmission line of the Central Valley project.

2 U.S. Ships Hit By Red Batteries

SEUL, Korea — (AP) — Two American destroyers were damaged slightly by Communist shore batteries in a gun duel that raged all Wednesday afternoon in besieged Wonsan harbor on Korea's East Coast, the Navy announced Friday.

The Navy said it was the longest ship-to-shore artillery duel of the Korean war.

THE NAVY did not say whether there were any casualties.

Guns on the destroyer Maddox were splashed by spray from

125 near misses. Several shrapnel holes were found on the ship.

The destroyer Laffey, which moved in to support the Maddox, reported 170 rounds of Red gunfire hit near the ship.

The Maddox and Laffey together fired 730 rounds at the shore guns.

The North Korean radio at Pyongyang said shore batteries at Kessong on the East Coast damaged a United Nations destroyer Thursday.

The Air Force reported 22 U.S. Sabre jets jumped four Communist MIG-15s Friday and probably destroyed one Red jet.

Slower P-84 Thunderjets engaged four MIG-15s but made no claims. Both fights were in North-west Korea.

Allied warplanes attacked rail lines in the western sector of North Korea while fighter-bombers teamed with the First Marine Air Wing in hitting Red revetments along the battlefield.

THE AIR FORCE said the vital Red rail line between Chongju and Simanju was cut in 60 places.

Sabre jets flying protective cover attacked a supply train near Chongju. Pilots said they destroyed the locomotive. Twenty-five rail cars were damaged.

On the ground action was light but the weather was hot. The temperature hit 90 degrees Thursday.

May Day passed with only light contacts. But the Reds harassed Allied positions with the heaviest artillery and mortar fire in months.

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Damage Climbs In Utah Floods

Residents Evacuate
50-Block Sector

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Water Friday lapped around hundreds of homes in a 50-block area of south-western Salt Lake City, ordered evacuated and flooded so a more heavily populated sector of the city might be spared the ravages of Utah's worst flood.

Thousands of acres, mostly farmland but including at least \$2,000,000 worth of homes and factories, were swamped in the northern part of the state, particularly here and near Ogden and Provo.

WARMER weather was forecast for the next two days, increasing the threat caused by the unexpectedly early melting of a record snowpack in the Wasatch Mountains.

The drastic but non-compulsory evacuation order was issued in Salt Lake City Thursday when water from overflowing creeks piled up east of the Denver & Rio Grande Western railroad tracks, forming a dike at 4th west street.

Culverts had been placed under the tracks as part of a makeshift canal that carried surplus water from the southern part of the business district to the swollen Jordan river.

But authorities found, these improvised drains were not large enough to carry the volume of murky water pouring from the mountains.

So they ordered cuts along the top of the tracks made deep enough to carry water pouring against the top of the dike. At 13th south, a section of the canal bank was dynamited and water poured out toward the 50 block area.

ROBERT Thompson, 30, one of the estimated 2,000 persons in the district, spoke for his neighbors when he said he realized that they were being forced out so that other Salt Lake City residents might be spared.

"But there are only a comparatively few of us," he said. "If we weren't flooded the others would. So I guess it's up to us to get out."

By 7:30 a.m., at least one-third of the doomed section had been covered by water up to one foot deep. The lake-like surface was rising slowly but relentlessly.

At Ogden, there was danger of heavy damage from the Weber and the Ogden rivers which already had spread over many acres, principally farm land.

BOBCATS HAVE
ROUGH TIME

Bobcats in Lane County had a rough time during April judging from bounties paid at the county clerk's office.

Hunters turned in 21 Bobcat skins for payment during the month. Archie Williams of Blue River accounted for nine of these plus one cougar. He collected \$32.50 of the \$72.50 paid by the county during April.

March bounties totaled \$99.50 and February \$71.

HUSBAND EXPLAINS SHOOTING OF WIFE

EVEREUX, France — (AP) — Henri Prince drew a three-year suspended sentence this week for fatally shooting his wife after neighbors testified in court that he:

• Kept on bringing home his pay-check ven after his wife made him sleep in the stable while she entertained her lover.

• Shot first at the lover—but missed—before shooting his wife.

610,000 Youths Face Draft Call

WASHINGTON (AP)—A defense official said Friday present plans call for drafting 610,000 men during the 12 months beginning July 1—or 136,400 more than this fiscal year.

Maj. Gen. E. C. Lynch, director of the defense manpower requirements division, said in an interview the draftees will help replace 1,080,000 men being released from active duty and add 110,000 men to the armed forces to reach the 3,700,000 total President Truman has requested by July, 1953.

The remainder of the gap will be filled by 70,000 recalled reservists and an expected 320,000 enlistments and re-enlistments.

Lynch said the planned replacement and expansion picture may be changed by some congressional cuts now being considered in defense department appropriations.

Lynch said the department is trying to work out a new program for monthly draft calls.

After September and until July 1953, he said, the program would make the monthly calls as nearly equal as possible. Past calls have varied from 80,000 to 10,000 a month.

Tentative calls for July, August and September have been set at 31,000 per month.

Youth Pleads Guilty To Pendleton Theft

PENDLETON — (AP) — Erwin Richard Curtis, 18, Seattle, Thursday pleaded guilty to a charge of theft of a horse and saddle from Jahn Vaught, former Pendleton mayor.

Vaught advertised the horse for sale. Curtis answered the ad and rode the horse 65 miles to Pasco where it was sold to John Nelson. Curtis was picked up in the Pasco bus depot.

Circuit Judge W. C. Perry delayed sentence.

Ship Chases Enemy Train

TOKYO — (AP) — Sailors aboard the American destroyer Duncan said Friday their ship was the first ever to chase a railroad train.

Cmdr. Russell H. Smith, Brooklyn, skipper of the Duncan, said the train was spotted at night north of Hungnam on Korea's East Coast.

The Duncan lit up the scene with star shells and the train piled on steam. The Duncan gave chase, firing heavy explosives.

"We just about had it pinpointed for the kill," Smith said, "when the engineer ducked into a tunnel and refused to come out again."

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