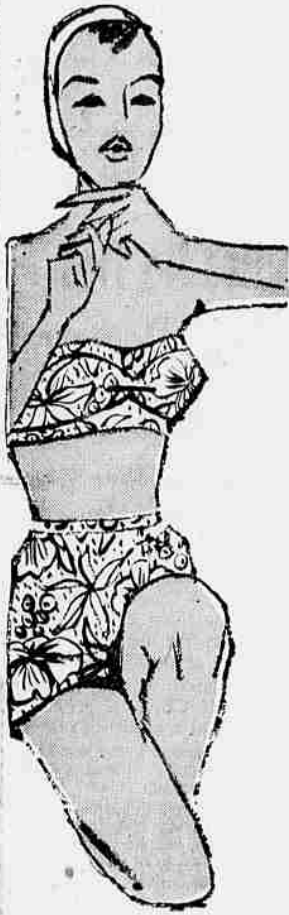
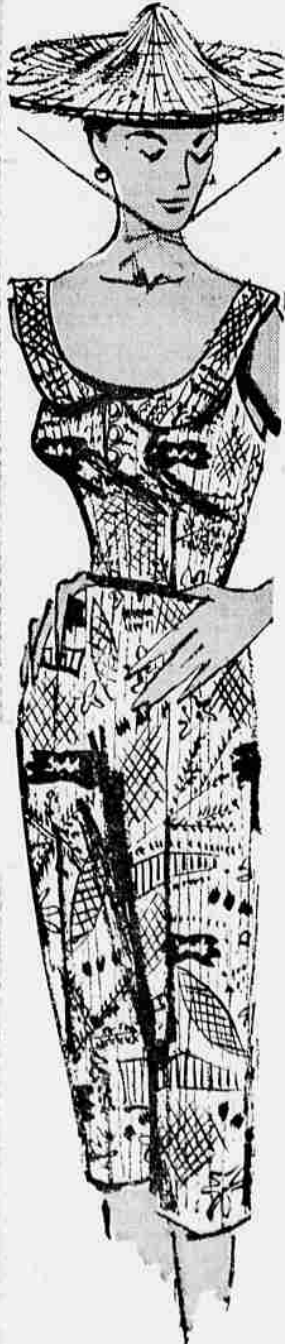


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## HST Repeats He Will Not Be Nominee

### Has No Comment On Ike's Speech

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman said Thursday he will attend the Democratic national convention after it has chosen its presidential nominee—and he will not be that nominee. The President added that he'd like to attend the whole Chicago convention but won't do so because his presence might create a disturbance. Truman was told at his news conference some Republicans have said he is engaged in a "devious plot" to get the nomination for himself.

**THIS HE** denied and said such charges usually originated in warped minds.

Of Wednesday's statement by Gen. Eisenhower that the Democrats have been in power too long, Truman replied it is up to the people to decide that.

He declined further comment on Eisenhower's opening campaign speech, saying he is not at all interested in the Republican pre-convention race.

Asked if he thought Eisenhower spelled out the issues of the campaign, Truman said he just didn't know.

Likewise, Truman declined to get into the controversy between Eisenhower and Sen. Taft over Eisenhower's air power views.

He said with a grin that the GOP's quarrels please him very much but he's not going to get mixed up in them.

**TAFT SAID** last Sunday that a steady deterioration of American air strength began while Eisenhower was chief of staff.

Eisenhower replied at a news conference Tuesday that he always has favored a strong Air Force and expects air power to be dominant in any future war.

On other matters, Truman said: • He does not plan to send Congress any legislation dealing with the steel strike, and he won't comment on the possibility of invoking the Taft-Hartley act.

• He has no comment, and never will have a comment, on the Supreme Court's ruling that his seizure of the steel industry was illegal. A reporter recalled his previous statement that nobody can take away his powers of seizure in an emergency, and asked if he would elucidate. Truman said he would at a later date.

• He doesn't expect war to break out in Europe this summer. If he did, the President said, he wouldn't let his daughter Margaret and a friend go through with their proposed European tour in the summer.

• The Democratic party surmounted difficulties in 1948 and he expects it will do so again. This was in reply to a newsman who asked if he thought the victory of Republican Sen. Knowland in California's Republican and Democratic primaries meant the people of California are against the administration's foreign policy. Truman's acceptance of an invitation to visit McGrath caused a buzz of speculation in the capital.

So did his agreement to talk over the party outlook with Sen. Kefauver of Tennessee, a leading contender for the Democratic presidential nomination.

**THE PRESIDENT** told newsmen there is no political implication whatever in his forthcoming weekend with McGrath, who plummeted out of his cabinet two months ago in a top-level row over the corruption-in-government investigation.

Truman said his visit at McGrath's farm would be purely a social occasion.

As for Kefauver, for whose candidacy he has shown no enthusiasm, the President said he didn't know what the senator wanted to talk to him about Thursday afternoon.

## Farm Supports Not So Costly

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Government losses from farm price support operations are running only about a fifth of what they were a year ago, the Agriculture Department reported Thursday.

Losses for the first ten months of the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, were \$34,073,000. This compared with 276 million dollars for the corresponding period last year.

The reduction largely reflects the fact that fewer products are being supported. Most of this year's losses were sustained on sale of dried eggs, beans, wheat and peanuts.

The government's investment in farm commodities under support programs totaled \$1,609,000,000 on April 30. This compares with a peak of \$4,300,000,000 in the spring of 1950.

## Wants Free Soil

KEENE, N. H. — (AP) — A California woman has asked the mayor to send her "one good ounce of good free American New Hampshire soil." A letter from Mrs. Lucinda R. Crowe of Los Angeles explained that she has a sample of soil from every other state. She wants it for her husband, who is making a map of the nation with the outline of each state filled in with soil from that state.



ALONG THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL—Plain Mr. Dwight D. Eisenhower leans out the rear coach of his special train to grasp the hand of a well wisher as the train stopped briefly at Emporia, Kas., en route to Abilene. A smiling Mrs. Eisenhower in background.

## California Voting Hits Record High

By MORRIE LANDSBERG Associated Press Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — Gov. Earl Warren's vote in Tuesday's Republican presidential primary neared the million mark Thursday and Eisenhower supporters hailed his victory as a slap at Sen. Robert A. Taft.

The record-smashing primary—close to 3,500,000 Californians voted—insured Warren a key role at the GOP National Convention. His 2 to 1 defeat of a home state "free choice" slate led by Rep. Thomas H. Werdel gave the governor 70 pledged delegates. In addition he won six votes in Wisconsin April 1 to help his own chances as a possible compromise candidate or as a deadlock breaker.

## U.N. Handcuffs For Red POWs?

PANMONJOM, Korea — (AP) — United Nations truce negotiators refused Thursday to "forcibly and violently" return Red prisoners of war to Communism and warned enemy negotiators their "hollow demand falls on deaf ears."

Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison, senior Allied delegate, said the U.N. would never pay the "barbarous price" of forced repatriation.

He again suggested the Red prisoners held by the Allies be re-screened in the presence of Communist observers, after an armistice had been arranged.

**"IS IT YOUR** desire that the U.N. Command force these people against their will and at the point of a bayonet to return to you?" he asked the Communists.

"Are you insisting that our side handcuff, chain or otherwise bind these persons and ship them to you like cattle?"

"Are you suggesting that their human rights be disregarded, that the U.N. Command force them to jeopardize their lives? Is this the humanitarianism you speak of in these negotiations? Is this the 'reasonable' basis on which you seek to settle the prisoner of war issue?"

"Your hollow demand falls on deaf ears. The U. N. Command will not forcibly and violently drive to your side anyone who resists returning to you."

**"I REMIND** you," Harrison said, "that the U.N. Command will not recede from its present position. Further delay in achieving an armistice in Korea is your responsibility."

North Korean Gen. Nam Il, senior Red delegate, ignored the questions.

During the meeting Allied and Communist security officers inspected a spot 1,000 yards outside the Panmunjom neutral zone where Allied artillery shells fell Thursday morning.

The Communists made no protest.

## JUST PLAYFUL

HOUSTON, Tex. — (AP) — Fred C. Blaine, 37, a Negro, checked in at the hospital with an ice pick stab wound in his leg. Blaine refused to press charges against his wife, Mattie. "She was only playing around," he said.

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## Prisoner Camp Divided by Wire

### Boatner Explains Sandbag Usage

KOJE ISLAND, Korea — (AP) — Tank-led Allied infantrymen and engineers split one of Kojé Island's big prisoner compounds in half with a tough barbed wire fence Thursday as 3,340 jeering Communist civilian internees stood by chanting Red hymns. There was no violence.

Erection of the fence within Compound 607 was ordered by Brig. Gen. Haydon Boatner, the Kojé commander, as the first step in splitting 17 big compounds into smaller camps for the island's 80,000 POWs.

The heavily-armed troops marched into the compound shortly before Boatner issued a statement acknowledging that rations have been withheld from three compounds on separate days.

**THERE HAVE BEEN** reports that food rations were reduced to enforce discipline among unruly prisoners. Boatner said this was not the case.

"At no time have we withheld rations as a weapon to obtain obedience to any order, nor have we threatened to do so," the general said.

He explained that no rations were issued on the day troops entered a compound, to enforce orders.

"We were taking offensive action against them because of their defiance and illegal actions," Boatner said. "In view of this and knowing they had stocks of food hoarded it would have been manifestly absurd for us to provide them with more food."

**BOATNER EMPHASIZED** that the Geneva Convention provides for withholding rations under certain conditions.

Bags of sand were delivered to three compounds Wednesday and stacked where the food usually is placed. This increased speculation that discipline was being enforced by withholding rations.

Boatner explained, however, that the sand was for use in quelling fires.

## Vitamin Use Hit By Doctor

CHICAGO — (AP) — A scientific journal believes vitamin A concentrates are "potentially toxic" and should not be given to mothers "for daily feedings to healthy children."

The American Journal of Roentgenology and Radium Therapy said in an editorial that vitamin A concentrates are "probably superfluous and certainly expensive."

The journal said there is danger of vitamin A poisoning "especially among children who are not suffering from dietary deficiencies."

The editorial added that control of the administration of vitamins is difficult "because the public gets most of its information concerning the magic of vitamins from commercial advertising."

"Commercial advertising," the editorial said, "is understandably designed to create public belief that there is a widespread need for daily supplementary intake of vitamin A, that daily supplements prevent and cure a host of indefinite common complaints and that vitamin A concentrate is harmless."

"Physicians are almost helpless against the commercial exploitation which gushes endlessly."

The editorial, signed by Dr. John Caffey of the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center of New York, said there have been so many recent cases of vitamin A poisoning that a new, man-made disease has appeared on the medical scene. It is called "hypervitaminosis."

The editorial said early symptoms in children include such common complaints as loss of appetite, itching and fretfulness. Later symptoms include swelling of the extremities and bone changes. Additional findings, the editorial said, include fissures of the lips, loss of hair, dry skin, jaundice and enlargement of the liver.

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THIS SHOULD HAPPEN TO A DOG?—Cindy, a golden Cocker Spaniel owned by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams of Novato, Calif., cocks a wary eye as she mothers two different litters of kittens. She is looking after three, six-week-old kittens abandoned by their mother, and three, three-day-old kittens orphaned when their mother was killed. It's all good training for Cindy. She's expecting a litter—of pups that is—soon.

## Russia May Beat Out U.S. In Atom Race, Solon Says

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A member of the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee said Thursday it is possible Russia may outdistance the United States in the race for hydrogen bomb supremacy.

In a speech prepared for the House, Rep. Jackson (D-Wash.) said Russia is making a "truly all-out atomic effort" while the United States has adopted "a half-way program."

He urged that Congress create a joint committee to determine "why we have lagged so badly" in the field of military firepower.

Jackson said secret files of the joint Atomic Energy Committee prove that the United States is not planning to make "as many atomic and hydrogen weapons as every expert who has studied the problem frankly admits and concedes we are capable of producing."

President Truman's recent request for \$3,191,000,000 to expand the atomic program, Jackson said, "is a half-way solution to an all-out challenge."

He said he couldn't understand why the armed forces do not want all the atomic and hydrogen weapons available and at the same time warn of Russia's rapid strides in atomic weapons.

An all-out atomic program, Jackson said, would cost about seven billion dollars over a period of several years and "it simply makes no sense to pay out each year tens and tens of billions for costly conventional weapons and to stint on the cheapest and best weapon we have got."

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## Grasshoppers Ruin Barley Below Klamath

KLAMATH FALLS — (AP) — Millions of grasshoppers have destroyed an estimated 500 acres of barley southwest of Tule Lake, Calif., and specialists Thursday creased efforts to stamp out insects.

The battle of man against grasshoppers centered along the edge of the Lava Beds National Monument, where the famed Indian chief, Capt. Jack, once last stand against federal troops.

Planes have been in the area dropping poisoned bait but rough flying weather has impeded their operations.

Rollers and ground rigs have killed millions of insects but threaten 25,000 acres of grain.

A plant to mix the poison bran was set up at Newell, Calif., and federal prisoners from the prison were assigned to work the poison plant.

A department of agriculture insect control specialist, Sam Smith, expressed hope that the situation could be brought under control in the near future.

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