

Gov. Fine Talks To Eisenhower

Penn. Delegates
Still Uncommitted

NEW YORK — (AP) — Gov. John Fine of Pennsylvania, after a three-hour talk with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, says he still has an open mind about Republican presidential hopefuls.

Fine adds that it may be some time before he reaches a decision, which presumably may guide 32 officially uncommitted delegates from his state to the GOP convention.

The governor and the general met here Sunday at the Eisenhower residence on the Columbia University campus. Eisenhower is on leave from his post as president of Columbia.

WITH THE Republican convention less than a month away, Eisenhower in his bid to win the nomination has meetings scheduled here this week with delegates from 15 Atlantic seaboard states. Representatives of New Hampshire, Connecticut, Delaware and Massachusetts opened the sessions Monday morning.

The Eisenhower-Fine conference took on considerable importance because the 32 officially uncommitted Pennsylvania delegates constitute, by themselves, a voting bloc bigger than entire delegations from many states.

Taft, Kefauver Ahead In Delegate Race

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Here is the up-to-date United Press tabulation of delegates so far chosen for the presidential nominating contentions. The tabulation is based on formal pledges and known first-ballot preferences:

REPUBLICANS	
Sen. Robert A. Taft	470
Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower	398
Gov. Earl Warren	76
Harold E. Stassen	25
Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin	24
Gen. Douglas MacArthur	4
Contested	61
Uncommitted or Unknown	133
Still to be Chosen	15
Total	1,206
It takes 604 votes to win the nomination.	
DEMOCRATS	
Sen. Estes Kefauver	251
W. Averell Harriman	95½
Sen. Richard B. Russell	85
Gov. G. Mennen Williams	40
Sen. Robert S. Kerr	30½
Alben W. Barkley	27
Robert J. Bulkley	27
Sen. Hubert Humphrey	26
President Truman	13
Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson	9½
Others	4
Contested	52
Uncommitted or Unknown	307½
Still to be Chosen	172
Total	1,230
It takes 616 votes to win the nomination.	

Two Women Injured In Oakridge Collision

OAKRIDGE—Two women received outpatient treatment at Oakridge Clinic Friday after an auto collision on Highway 58 near here. They were Elva Berry, 77, Toledo, Ore., and Mrs. J. D. Refven, 25, Burlingame, Calif.

They were injured slightly when their car collided with one driven by Kathleen Maryellen Vaughn of Klamath Falls. According to state police the Vaughn car skidded on an oil slick on the highway. No citations were issued.

U.N. on Guard For Red Drive

Allied Morale High,
Van Fleet Declares

SEOUL, Korea — (AP) — Gen. James A. Van Fleet said Monday the U.S. Eighth Army is ready, alert and fit to meet any Red offensive in Korea.

The commander of the United Nations fighting machine said its morale "is high—almost to a point of wishing the enemy would attack."

"The Eighth Army is ready, alert, and fit to meet any offensive which the enemy may foolishly decide to launch," Van Fleet told a news conference. "That effort would be defeated."

The general said the Eighth Army's supplies, particularly ammunition, are in good condition. He has said several times the Reds in Korea have built up their artillery until they have more guns available than the United Nations.

U.S. military authorities have estimated the Communist potential striking force is approximately a million men, about 500 tanks and self-propelled guns, and 1,800 planes.

Ground and air action continued to pick up slightly on the Western Front.

U.N. defenders again Monday beat off Chinese who have been trying since Saturday to win back a hill position they lost west of Chonwon.

The Great Lakes contain half the fresh water on earth, says the National Geographic Society.



CHECKER CHAMP NEVER LOSES — "Dixie Belle," canine checker champ, makes another move in the game she never loses with her master, Herman Park, of Detroit. Every time Park moves, the dog paws the piece off the board.

Man Drowns, Two Missing

VANCOUVER, B. C. — A man was drowned Sunday when his boat was capsized in a heavy rip tide. Two other men were listed as missing after their boat was found upright but empty about seven miles west of here.

Dead is Fred Musto. Missing are Fred Barbana, 47, and his son William, 26. Their boat was found drifting half a mile from the point Atkinson lighthouse station.

A man working on an oil barge

threw a lifebelt to Musto, saw him disappear.

Two other persons were saved in the same accident. They were Mrs. Margaret Palmer, daughter of Musto, and her husband.

The barge worker, Evan Davies, stuck a barbed pole through Mrs. Palmer's clothing and held her head above water until a fellow worker helped him pull her in.

Stormy Argument Over Rainmaking

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WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Defense Department Monday found itself in the middle of a stormy argument over whether scientific "rainmaking" in the Southwest is causing so many wet weekends in the East recently.

Sen. Moody (D-Mich.) has threatened to get Congress to do something about the weather if Secretary Lovett doesn't come up with a satisfactory answer. The rain, the senator complains seriously, is spoiling Michigan's lucrative tourist business and ruining lots of picnics.

DR. IRVING Langmuir, Nobel prize winning scientist, claims he's the one who's been causing the damp weekends.

Langmuir said he regularly seeds the clouds in New Mexico on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with silver iodide and it rains in the East on Friday, Saturday and Sunday after the seeded air masses move across country.

But the Weather Bureau scoffs at men controlling the elements with such predictability. The experiments haven't proven that advanced yet, said Dr. Harry Wexler, the bureau's rain expert.

Wexler said he and his co-workers have kept an eye on cloud seeding in the Southwest and associated phenomena for the past year and the results are inconclusive.

The Weather Bureau official said the fact that rain falls week-end after weekend is merely coincidental. Wexler said the cycle of weather just happens to fit the time pattern of the seeding. There was an even more accurate rain pattern noted over Europe, he added.

Wexler said that when the rainmakers changed their seeding days in the Southwest the days of rain in the East did not correspondingly.

Mystery Rider Shoots Dozen Auto Victims

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — (AP) — Police received two reports Sunday of additional "blue phantom" highway shootings.

Two motorists said their automobiles were damaged by a fired from an oncoming car state highways. No one was hurt.

This made a total of 12 incidents reported in the last two weeks. Two persons have been slightly injured in the as yet unexplained auto sniping.

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