

Move by Taft Seen as Sign of Weakness

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP)—Robert A. Taft's opponents viewed his withdrawal from New Jersey primary as a sign of weakness, but the Oregonian's supporters felt that he will prove strength in Wisconsin.

Republicans supporting General E. D. Eisenhower for the GOP national nomination said Taft's withdrawal from New Jersey in the past two weeks when he was out of the April 15 New Jersey primary, and received a smashing total of write-in votes in the Minnesota race.

Position Re-Examined
Eisenhower added to his supporters' jubilation Thursday by saying he is "re-examining" his position as a result of the New Jersey primary. His statement is considered his refusal to come home and run a personal campaign for the presidential nomination.

Eisenhower camp received a setback Friday night when the state had a big general election which voters may not vote in the name of a candidate for state's primary May 5.

Attorney General J. Edgar Hoover said write-ins are banned in Maryland primaries. Sen. Estes C. Cason (D-Tenn.) is the only potential candidate of either party to file in Maryland.

Confession of Weakness
E. Stassen, who was elected to the New Jersey primary with Taft and Eisenhower, said Taft's move is a "confession of weakness."

Some of Taft's friends said his withdrawal as an indication of weakness, but said it would be better to take a small step now than a big later. One of Taft's backers, told reporters he believed that Taft was "not a part of the race." He said, however, that Eisenhower should be cautious and waiting for granted.

PREDICTION MADE
PARIS, March 21 (AP)—Reliable sources said Friday that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower probably will return to the U. S. between mid-May and June 1 as a candidate for the Republican nomination for President.

Within the next few weeks, they believed, he will ask to be relieved as supreme commander of the North Atlantic Pact forces to pave the way for his return.

Eisenhower said Thursday that he would vote for the New Hampshire and Minnesota primaries, "forcing me to re-examine my personal position and past decision."

To most observers, that meant he believes he has received the "clear-out call to political duty" without which, as he stated on Jan. 7, he would continue to devote his full attention to his job as supreme NATO commander.

Reliable sources at Eisenhower's headquarters said the period between mid-May and June 1 was the most logical time for him to return. They also said it was the time advised by his leading supporters in the U. S.

Full-Time Health Officer Planned
Employment of a full time physician as health officer for the Tri-county Board of Health is contemplated during the next fiscal year starting July 1. This was announced today by County Judge C. L. Allen and Commissioners A. E. Stevens and E. E. Varco.

According to Judge Allen a full time health officer can be employed to supervise the activities of the three counties with but slight additional cost to the taxpayers.

German Newswriter to Work On Bulletin Staff for Week

The Bend Bulletin is one of 10 Oregon newspapers that will have the temporary staff addition of a newswriter from Europe in the week of March 24 to 29.

Coming to The Bulletin is Miss Eva Maria Vogler, of Aalen, Germany. Miss Vogler, with nine other visitors from abroad, is a student in the University of Oregon school of journalism. All 10 students are in this country for a year's study at the university.

Members of the working press in their homelands, they are here for specialized study in their field and to gain first hand knowledge of the United States.

Miss Vogler will work with staff members of The Bulletin in several different departments, and hopes to participate in the life of the community to the fullest possible extent during her brief stay in Bend. Her home city, Aalen, has a population of 28,000, and is in the southwestern German province of Wurttemberg.

Aalen is near the city of Mainz, home of Johannes Gutenberg, famous as one of the discoverers of modern printing some 500 years ago.

In her home town, Miss Vogler has worked on the Schwabische Post, a daily newspaper, as reporter and assistant feature editor. She studied at the university in Mainz and at Ludwig Maximilians University in Munich, capital of Bavaria.

Her hobbies and interests include music and sports, especially skiing and swimming. In applying for her year's study in this country, Miss Vogler wrote:

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Humphrey Bogart Receives Oscar in Hollywood Upset
HOLLYWOOD, March 21 (AP)—Humphrey Bogart said Friday he hadn't changed his opinion that academy awards don't prove anything—even though he won an Oscar Thursday night in one of the biggest upsets in Hollywood history.

It was no surprise, however, when English actress Vivien Leigh became a two-time Oscar winner with an award for her role as a faded nymphomaniac in "A Street-Car Named Desire."

Her supporting players, Kim Hunter and Karl Malden, won the coveted gold trophies as expected.

But the star-studded crowd at the 24th annual awards presentation gasped and applauded when Bogart, nosed out favored candidate Marlon Brando to snare the award for playing a gin-soaked riverboat captain in "The African Queen."

Temperature Hits 11 Below Zero in Shevlin Area
Clearing skies on the first day of spring dropped the temperature to 11 below zero last night at Shevlin, to give the northern Klamath county logging town the "deep freeze" honors for the entire United States, so far as known.

The entire Shevlin area, where Brooks-Scanlon logging crews are stationed, is still under deep snow, and Yukon-like conditions prevailed this morning as sunbeams as the temperature still hovered below zero.



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Waist deep snow whipped by strong winds has blocked all attempts to rescue them so far, and attempts to drop food to the hunger weakened animals were abandoned because of dangerous downdrafts.

The rescue party included six men of the University of Washington mountaineering club and was led by Don Wilde, an experienced mountain climber.

Wilde said plans called for the party to hike up the steep, icy slope to the 5,000-foot level. Then a rope will be fastened and he will shiny down 700 feet to the dogs' perch.

"If we can do this," he said "we'll tie the dogs to a line, one by one, and lower them 200 feet to the base of the cliff."

UN Shrugs Off 'Compromise' By Commies

PANMUNJOM, March 21 (AP)—Red truce negotiators proposed Friday that both sides agree to release all listed war prisoners without further squabbling over missing captives.

The Communist "compromise" proposal provided for the freeing of only 11,539 Allied and 132,474 Red prisoners whose names already have been exchanged. Of the Allied prisoners, 3,198 are Americans.

In effect would write off at least the present 53,000 additional Allied troops, including 1,396 Americans, who disappeared in Red captivity and 44,000 Communist prisoners allegedly held but not reported by the UN.

Nothing New
Allied representatives shrugged off the proposal. They said it contained "absolutely nothing new."

Moreover, it reiterated the Red demand for forcible repatriation, if necessary, of all listed prisoners.

The UN has warned that it never would force prisoners who have turned against Communism to return to the Reds.

In an adjoining conference tent, other Red staff officers asked more time to map out specific areas around each of the 10 ports of entry through which troops and supplies may pass during a truce.

No Trouble
However, Col. Andrew J. Kinney of the UN told newsmen he anticipated no trouble in reaching a speedy final agreement on the issue. He said it may come Saturday, when the Reds submit additional data.

A high Allied leader at the same time said "impatient" demands from the American people for a quick cease-fire have made it difficult for U.S. leaders in the Far East.

Mt. Hood Route Survey Planned
Modernization of the state's portion of the Mt. Hood Highway is under consideration, and plans for a reconnaissance survey of a part of the route has been approved. It was learned here today.

At its recent meeting in Portland, the highway commission directed its engineers to start a reconnaissance survey of the western end of the route, between Sandy and Portland. After that project is completed, the engineers are to make a detailed survey of the route east from Sandy, past the crooks and turfs of Cherryville, Brightwood and way points up to where the state commission's jurisdiction bumps up against that of the U. S. Forest Service west of the Zig Zag headquarters.

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Valiant Lava Bears Give Lincoln Hard-Fought Game

EUGENE, Ore., March 21 (AP)—Bend's fighting Lava Bears gave mighty Lincoln of Portland a terrific struggle for three periods last night before bowing to seven-foot "Swede" Halbrook and his mates, 68-53, before 6,800 fans in a quarter-final round state tournament game.

Led by Jerry Hamilton, Tommy Hunt and Vern Sampels, the Bend team almost ran Lincoln off its feet before Halbrook and the Cards got under way in the second period.

Bend was red hot at the start and moved into an early 8-2 lead. At the first quarter Bend was ahead 16-11. But Halbrook started hitting in the second quarter and Lincoln moved ahead 30-28 at the half.

Halbrook Unstoppable
Halbrook was unstoppable in the third period, but so was the Bend team. Halbrook got 16 of his record-breaking 41 points in that quarter. But the Lava Bears, with Hamilton, Hunt, Dean Benson and Dick Laursen connecting, stayed right on Lincoln's heels. It was 48-44 Lincoln at the end of the period.

Then, in the final quarter, Halbrook canned three quick baskets and Lincoln won going away. Reserves finished up the game for both sides.

Hamilton led Bend with 14 points, while Hunt and Sampels had 10 each and Laursen hit 8.

Bend was to meet University High of Eugene in a consolation game at 3:15 p.m. today.

The Lineups:
Lincoln (68) Bend (53)
Carlin (9) F (14) Hamilton
Holzman (0) F (4) Benson
Halbrook (41) C (10) Sampels
Hannor (8) G (10) Hunt
Raines (8) G (8) Laursen
Substitutions: Lincoln—Satilich, Idinopola, Jensen, Cunningham (2), Rose, Bend—Monical (2), Dahlin (1), Erickson, Rasmussen, Slegmund (4).

Distribution of Holdings Planned
NEW YORK, March 21 (AP)—American Power & Light Company announced Friday that it plans to distribute to its stockholders its entire holdings of Washington Water Power Company.

Directors earlier favored sale of the Washington Water Power to the public utility districts in the state of Washington.

The company explained, however, the "board concluded that it has become obvious that a sale to the public utility districts could not be consummated within the time contemplated by the board in August when it declared that any such sale must be one that could be consummated with reasonable expedition."

A plan for distribution of the stock will be filed in the near future with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the holding company act.

Washington Water Power has outstanding 2,541,900 shares of common, all owned by American Power & Light has 2,342,311 shares of common outstanding.

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Labor Leaves Final Decision Up to Industry

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP)—The CIO United Steelworkers Friday postponed their threatened nationwide strike until April 8, leaving it up to the steel industry to accept or reject a 17 1/2 cent hourly pay boost and union shop recommended by the Wage Stabilization Board.

The union's 170-man wage policy committee accepted the board's recommendations shortly after 2 a.m. EST, but warned it will call a strike if an agreement is not reached with the steel companies by the new deadline.

The wage board's recommendations are not binding on either side.

The Steelworkers postponed their walkout for the fourth time only hours before Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson was scheduled to leave for Key West, Fla., to confer with President Truman on the crucial issue of steel prices.

Strong Hints
Industry spokesmen have hinted strongly they will not go along with any proposal which does not assure a compensating price increase, and some observers expected the negotiations to bog down again if the price issue is not settled to the steelmen's satisfaction.

CIO President Philip Murray, who also heads the powerful steelworkers union, said negotiations with the industry would resume Monday.

Most observers felt the steelworkers' acceptance of the board's recommendations shifted the pressure for settling the dispute squarely on the industry.

Industry members of the wage board bitterly assailed the panel's recommendation as an "instrument of union appeasement." The management delegation said the proposals were "unfair and inequitable, and in terms of stabilization are in serious disregard of the public interest."

The board's union members said the recommendations offered "a solid foundation upon which... a sound, fair, honest collective bargaining agreement" could be reached.

The board's recommendations were a compromise swung by the tripartite panel's public and union members.

The Office of Price Stabilization so-called Caphart steel formula for computing price increases is expected to be issued soon. Officials say it will permit the industry only an average \$2 a ton raise. The industry says it needs about \$9, but is understood to be willing to settle for about \$4 or \$5 a ton.

Wilson told Mr. Truman about a month ago that if steel wages go up, prices of steel will have to go up also.

Doubt Expressed
However, another top government official said earlier this week he was "very much afraid" of a strike over steel prices, and also doubted that the administration would be able to hold out against the pressure for price boosts expected from the steelmakers.

The wage board's recommendations included a 12 cent hourly raise effective last Jan. 1, 2 1/2 cents more July 1, and the remaining 2 1/2 cents next Jan. 1.

SPECIAL HOURS
County Clerk Helen M. Dacey will keep her office open again this evening for the accommodation of those who wish to register for the May primaries. The office will remain open from 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock for the convenience of persons who are unable to reach the office during regular office hours.

28 Deer Spotted At Golf Course
Twenty-eight deer were seen browsing along the fairways of the Bend Golf Club yesterday by golfers who braved the chill wind and occasional snow drifts to get in the first golf of the season.

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PORTLAND, March 21 (AP)—Skiing report prepared Friday by the weather bureau:
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