

### Ike Not in Politics But Interested in Public Affairs

Houston, Dec. 7 (AP)—General Dwight Eisenhower said today he wants no connection with politics but wants to take an active part in public affairs.

He told a news conference: "If I identified or affiliated myself with any political party I'd lose a lot of friends and I'm not going to do that."

### Ship Sails to Pick-up Ward

Kobe, Dec. 7 (AP)—Twelve news and cameramen sailed aboard the Lakeland Victory late today for Taku Bar, off Tientsin, China, to meet Consul General Angus Ward and his party who were expelled from Mukden by the communists.

Just before the ship sailed, Douglas Jenkins, Jr., of Charleston, S. C., American consul at Kobe, handed each correspondent a statement which emphasized the primary purpose of the trip was to get the Ward party safely out of communist China. He suggested they do nothing to hinder successful completion of the mission.

The statement read: "The department of state wishes the following points brought to the attention of press representatives:

"1. No assurance can be given that Mr. Ward and party will board from Tientsin on the Lakeland Victory. It should be noted that three ships are due in Tientsin about the same time and the Chinese not Mr. Ward must make the decision.

"2. The Chinese authorities are extremely sensitive about security and therefore the utmost discretion is urged.

### Johnson Calls Arms Speed-up

New York, Dec. 7 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Louis A. Johnson called on American industry today to gain the lead "in every category of munitions" because a second Pearl Harbor attack "could come tomorrow."

In a speech prepared for delivery at the National Association of Manufacturers' 54th annual congress of American industry at the Waldorf Astoria hotel, Johnson reported that the 8th anniversary of Japan's bombing of the Pacific outpost found the United States prepared.

He disclosed that the joint chiefs of staff had agreed unanimously on a plan to meet any such sneak attack with an air force counterattack.

### Silverton Reading More New Magazines

Silverton—More readers have been availing themselves of Silverton public library facilities this fall than in some falls past, Mrs. Harold A. Larsen, librarian, reported following the regular city library report submitted to the city council. Current magazines on the reading tables are much more in use this year than in recent years, she added.

Circulation for November was 830, with 30 new borrowers registered during the month. The report also showed that 69 books had been added by gift and purchase during the month and 63 volumes added by binding. In the latter group were a number of National Geographic magazines, which have been bound and are now available to the public. These magazines are very much in demand here, Mrs. Larsen stated.

### Five Woodburn Girls Enter Speech Tourney

Woodburn—Five girls from Woodburn high school entered the state forensic tournament at Pacific university in Forest Grove Friday.

Two debate teams entered, the first team being Eileen Rogers and June Polly and the second team, Patricia Winters and Lois Granner. Competing against 15 other schools, the Woodburn debaters tied with Salem for third place. Pendleton won first and Eugene second.

Beatrice Keener of Woodburn high read the poem, "The Highwayman," by Alfred Noyes, in competition with 63 other girls.

Grand Ronde—Mrs. Walkley, general chairman of the Red Cross for this community, announced that the Blood Bank will be in Grand Ronde on December 9.

Eisenhower arrived from San Antonio to speak tonight before an expected crowd of 15,000 at the Chamber of Commerce annual meeting.

He said his speech will be "rambling observations of a soldier."

The general touched on politics when asked if a large amount of his personal mail contained requests that he seek the presidency.

Eisenhower replied that his mail is heavy and that many people, without mention of political affiliation, write him about particular problems.

"Many of them," he said, "want sympathy toward these problems."

Then he added: "I have no political connections, no political ambitions and don't want any connection with politics."

He emphasized, however, he will take an active interest in public affairs in that he thinks American people "should be talking principles" and not in generalities.

Asked to be more specific, he said the public should be talking about:

- 1. Where does deficit spending lead us?
2. How should we look at the ECA, the Atlantic pact, arms to Europe?
3. What should we do about taxation, tax rates?

"I don't believe we are in any crisis," he said.

Eisenhower said he could not comment on testimony of Lieut. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, retired, before a house committee investigating wartime shipments to Russia.

"I can't comment because I was abroad at that time," he said.

### Minor Operators Signed by Lewis

Washington, Dec. 7 (AP)—John L. Lewis' proud announcement that some mine owners have met his contract terms apparently left major coal operators unimpressed today.

They said the owners who signed with the mine leader produce comparatively little soft coal—less than 2,500,000 tons of the nation's annual total of 550,000,000. And they scoffed at suggestions that the new move might mean a major break in the long coal dispute.

Lewis made the announcement late yesterday. He said United Mine Workers members at the affected pits would return to work immediately on a five-day week.

The balance of the anthracite and bituminous industries went on a three-day week at Lewis' direction last Monday, as part of his over-all strategy to obtain new contracts. The old ones expired last July.

### Silverton Host Circles of Area

Silverton—Grand Guardian Neighbor Minerva Coddling of Seattle and Portland was specially honored at the meeting of Neighbors of Woodcraft, district No. 21, pep meeting at Legion hall.

Mrs. Mabel Talbot guardian neighbor of Marion Circle No. 314 was official hostess, with her membership assisting. Others among the large group attending were Grand Representative Corda Morrison of Amity and District GN Russell Winchcombe and Mrs. Winchcombe of Salem.

Circle representatives were present from Amity, Albany, Dundee, Independence, McMinnville, Monmouth, Oregon City, Portland, Salem and Silverton.

Following the seating of officers and formal escorting the grand officials to the camp fire and presenting gifts, a program was given. Mrs. Elma Dickey gave two piano selections. Mrs. Frank M. Porter appeared in a comedy monologue, and a skit was given by Ralph Wood of Amity and Jay McNeill of Salem.

Two members were initiated into Marion circle. The next district 21 pep meeting is to be at Monmouth, Tuesday, January 3.

The district meeting was closed in ritualistic order by the guardian neighbor, Russell Winchcombe.

Mrs. Talbot is announcing the Marion circle Christmas party to be Sunday, December 18, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nelson, Oak and Church streets.

When engineers first began to talk about television they described it as "visible telephony."



"Farmer's Daughter"—Virginia Jensen, 18, of Blair, Neb., poses with "Princess," a Shorthorn, after being named "Ideal Farmer's Daughter" at the National Farm show, Chicago.

### Conner Thinks Son Berserk

Portland, Ore., Dec. 7 (AP)—Guy W. Conner, Portland broker, said his son "must have gone berserk" when informed that John S. Conner, 38, had shot and killed his three children in Alexandria, Va., today.

The elder Conner, who came here a number of years ago from Medford, Ore., was shocked by word that his son, a civilian engineer at Ft. Belvoir, Va., had killed his children, Cecelia, 5; Michael, 8, and Stephanie, 11, with shotgun blasts.

"He must have gone berserk or something, I guess," the father said.

"I had no inkling anything was wrong. Nothing at all. Last week I had a beautiful letter from John. A really beautiful letter. I sent it to my daughter in Eugene."

The elder Conner said he was leaving immediately for Virginia.

He said his son had been a civilian engineer for the army for a number of years. He was with the army engineers in Portland from 1937 to 1939. His former associates here described Conner as "a brilliant fellow, very much above average. All of us here thought his work record was very OK."

One employee in the engineer's Portland office here said he had known Conner socially as well as professionally and "never noticed anything odd about him. He was an extremely pleasant chap."

Conner's father said his son graduated from West Point in 1933. After completing his military academy work, he returned to Medford, Ore., and was in the pear business before becoming a civilian engineer. The father did not say why his son left the military service.

### Victor Point Social Helps Hot Lunches

Victor Point—The pie social sponsored by the school community club for benefit of the school hot lunch program drew a large crowd.

Program numbers included entertainment by the Armstrong School of Dance; vocal solo, Miss Delene Harrington; piano solo, Miss Joyce Martin; vocal duet, Misses Janice and Joyce Herrigstad; readings, Otto Dahl; tap dancing and singing by Gary and Jerry Neal; acceptance of paintings, donated by a local artist, Henry Jaquet, by chairman of Victor Point school board, Mrs. Floyd Fox, followed by the benefit pie auction.

Mrs. Maurice Heater, president of the school community club, had as her committee on this project, Mrs. Robert Riches, Mrs. L. W. Cooper, Mrs. Noah Hunt and Mrs. Roy Brady.

### Gervais Gets Ready For Holiday Treat

Gervais—The community Chamber of Commerce held a special meeting with representatives of various civic groups and organizations to make plans for the annual Christmas tree and treats for the children of the community. This event will be held December 22 at 8 o'clock at the high school auditorium, when the high school will present its musical pageant, "And So He Came," including a cast of members of all classes. Band numbers will also be featured on the program.

Toy Response Poor—Willamina—Firemen this week expressed disappointment in the slowness of the response to their appeal for old toys to be repaired for Christmas presents to needy children.

### Britons Cheer Airlift Pilots

London, Dec. 7 (AP)—Tens of thousands of Britons lined the streets of London today to cheer pilots and ground crews who participated in the Berlin airlift.

King George and Queen Elizabeth inspected the 250 men and women, including 15 American pilots, as they stood at attention in the graveled inner quadrangle of Buckingham Palace.

The king chatted with the Americans, dressed in their new sky blue uniforms. Then, led by a Royal Air Force band, the little parade wound along the Mall, through Trafalgar Square, down the Strand and to the City of London's Guildhall, where they were luncheon guests of the Lord Mayor.

Maj. Gen. William H. Turner of the U. S. air force, who headed the combined British-American airlift that overcame the Soviet blockade of Berlin, stood near the palace wall with a group of RAF officers, watching the inspection and the review that followed.

### Seminary Forms Mothers' Club

Mt. Angel—Fifty-one mothers of students of Mount Angel seminary met in the seminary refectory to organize a Mothers' club. They came from all points in Oregon from as far south as Grants Pass and from Washington north to Seattle. Rev. Father Justin Reilly, OSB, as rector of the seminary, opened the meeting.

Officers elected were Mrs. Odella Park, president; Mrs. John N. Jarvis, vice president; Mrs. L. E. Turck, secretary; Mrs. George Cacace, treasurer, all of Portland.

The club will meet here every three months, and all out-of-state members will be kept informed by correspondence. Members decided to have a volunteer contact mother in the larger cities who will meet periodically with the club members socially in their city. Volunteers for the cities where the larger groups live were named at the meeting.

There are 140 registered seminary students at Mt. Angel seminary. The seminarians served lunch to the newly organized club members. All the mothers of the seminarians are considered members, even those who because of distance would not be able to attend meetings.

### Turner Will Erect Tree for Christmas

Turner—The Turner firemen, together with local businessmen, are sponsoring a large outdoor Christmas tree on the corner of C and 3rd streets.

Christmas eve a program will be given, followed by treats for each and every child in the community.

### Russ Prepare For Arctic War

Chicago, Dec. 7 (AP)—The Chicago Tribune, in a dispatch from its Paris correspondent, today said Soviet Russia is making "intensive efforts" to prepare its Arctic regions for a possible U.S. war.

The correspondent, Henry Wales, wrote he had obtained his information from two escapees from forced labor projects in the area.

The principal points of Wales' account were: The two main military bases are newly-created cities, Vorkoutsk and Tiksi, at the mouths of the Potshura and Lena rivers. Other ports have been developed at the mouths of the Dvina, Ob, Yenesei, Ingirka, and Amur rivers.

A strategic railway is being constructed from Lake Baikal to the Bering sea opposite Alaska, but the Red army is utilizing frozen rivers as its chief highways.

Some 300 meteorological stations have been established in the Arctic regions.

Wales wrote: "This information and a detailed description of the operations were obtained from an eye witness who was sentenced to forced labor on Novva Zembla, but became ill and was evacuated to Vorkoutsk whence he escaped through the iron curtain to France."

"Other information was given by a political prisoner employed on the project who fled from the concentration camp."

He added, "from bases in Franz Josef land, Dickson island, and Spitzbergen, the Red army plans operations via northern Greenland to northern Canada within easy range of the United States."

### Ex-Premier of Bulgaria on Trial

Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 7 (AP)—Former Vice Premier Traicho Kostov, once Bulgaria's number 2 communist, went on trial before a special court today charged with plotting to overthrow the present regime and turn his country over to Premier Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia.

Standing trial with Kostov are 10 others—former top government officials and leading figures in the nation's communist-run economic setup. All appeared in good health as they walked into the improvised courtroom.

The trial opened in the army's central home while nationwide demonstrations organized in the cities and villages condemned the "traitorous actions" of the accused. Thousands of resolutions have been published demanding the "harshest punishment for the traitors."

Public prosecutor Vladimir Dimchev opened the proceedings with a reading of the lengthy indictment which charges the 11 with espionage, spying, treason and economic sabotage. He accused them of spying for Tito and Anglo-American intelligence agencies.

Kostov is accused also of carrying on an "insincere and unfriendly policy" against the Soviet Union.

### Koreans to Release Two Americans

Seoul, Dec. 7 (AP)—American diplomatic sources here said today the United States embassy is going ahead with plans to meet two Americans held in North Korea since Oct. 22.

But the embassy said it would take no final action until instructions have been received from Washington.

"International complications" was given as the reason for waiting for the Washington directive.

### Make Jerusalem International City

Lake Success, Dec. 7 (AP)—The United Nations special political committee voted today to make Jerusalem an international city. The vote on the operative part of the resolution was 35 to 13 with 11 abstentions.

The United States and Britain voted with Israel against the proposal. The 59-nation committee also

voted, 32 to 16 with 11 abstentions, to designate the trusteeship council as the administering authority.

Russia, which has a seat on that council, supported the resolution.

The vote in committee was more than the two-thirds majority required for final approval in the assembly.

### Taft Plank for Revised T-H Law

Washington, Dec. 7 (AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) called today for a "perfected and improved" Taft-Hartley labor law as one of the planks in a republican platform for the 1950 elections.

He offered the idea in a report to Ohio voters, released here. Taft also said his party is "opposed to excessive taxation and to government interference with business through price-fixing, wage-fixing, rationing or government competition."

"The republican party insists on a sound basis of fiscal security by a balanced budget and a level of taxation which does not deter business expansion as it has done in Great Britain," he said, adding:

"It is completely opposed to socialism as destructive of liberty and progress."

Taft said the federal government should concern itself with preventing the destruction of business freedom through monopoly and unfair competition.

"Furthermore," he said, "it must concern itself with the abolition of all special privilege for employers or employees and the maintenance of equality between business and labor in labor-management relations as it has done through the Taft-Hartley law. That law should be perfected and improved."

### Bishop Officiating At Class Ceremony

Woodburn—The Right Rev. Benjamin D. Dagwell, bishop of Oregon, will officiate at the service of confirmation in St. Mary's Episcopal church at Woodburn, Friday night at 8 o'clock, according to Rev. Clarence C. Slocum, vicar. The confirmation class includes eight candidates, who will be guests at the reception following the service. The bishop will be the honor guest and will greet the congregation and friends of the church. All are invited.

### COMING Wed., Dec. 7 "Battle of Dixieland Jazz Bands"

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### Brannan Plan Pottage Mess

Denver, Dec. 7 (AP)—The president of the National Wool-growers association today called the Brannan farm plan a "mess of pottage." He said it contained a disguised attempt to take control of their industry.

Howard Vaughn, Dixon, Cal., sheepman, made the statements in a blistering attack during his presidential report at the association's national convention.

Vaughn said the association endorsed a production payment plan designed to offset lower federal tariffs on wool and a shrinking of the national wool industry. But he said the Brannan plan, often confused with this according to Vaughn, was far different and unwanted by wool growers.

Vaughn pointed out that in 1942 there were 50,000,000 breeding sheep in this country, supplying 80 percent of the nation's wool needs. Today, he said, that figure has shrunk to 27,000,000, filling only one-third of the requirements.

He cited federal cuts in grazing permits as a fundamental factor in this decline.

Opening the 85th annual association meeting, Colorado Governor Lee Knous urged the growers to support a basic land inventory as a means of settling the dispute over grazing on federal lands.

Girls from 11 states will compete tonight in the national "make it yourself with wool" fashion contest. Participating will be state winners from Washington and Oregon.

### Circle Holding Sale

Woodburn—The Mothers' Circle of DeMolay will hold a food sale Saturday at the Marshall Wells hardware store on First street. Mrs. Lester Henn is chairman of the committee in charge and will be assisted by Mrs. Charles Pantle, Mrs. A. M. Burt, Mrs. J. B. Gay and Mrs. Ray Stampley.

Advertisement for Shattuc's Chateau featuring Roast Prime Rib of Beef and Francis Conger. Includes phone number 530-11230.

Advertisement for Grand Mat. Daily from 1 P.M. featuring 'Secret Garden' and 'Project X'.

Advertisement for State Opens 6:45 P.M. featuring 'Green Grass of Wyoming' and 'Road House'.

Advertisement for Liberty Now! Opens 6:45 P.M. featuring 'El Paso' and 'Far Frontier'.

Advertisement for Elks Annual Charity Show at Needham's Book Store or Elks Club. Tickets \$1.00. Dec. 5-6-7-8.

Large advertisement for Capitol Theatre featuring Judy Garland and Van Johnson in 'In the Good Old Summertime'. Includes showtimes and phone number 3-5050.

Advertisement for Big Dance at Crystal Gardens on Wednesday Night, December 7. Includes showtimes and phone number 74c.