

Ike Completes First Year As Boss of West's Forces

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The sign "business as usual" was up again today at supreme headquarters, allied powers in Europe. The boss took time out yesterday to make a brief statement about American politics and then got back on the job.

What sort of a job is it that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower would give up if and when he comes home to run for president? More than anything else he is a super-salesman.

He is operating in a tough market and encountering lots of consumer resistance, because Europe has been reluctant for centuries to buy the line Eisenhower is offering.

Primarily, he is offering insurance—insurance against Russia overrunning western Europe all the way to the English channel. But he is asking each of the 12 nations in the North Atlantic treaty organization to pay a high premium on the insurance policy at a time when most of them are strained to get up the money for the necessities of national existence.

His plan to raise and equip a European army is beset on all sides.

Communists, whether in Moscow, Paris, London or Rome, are fighting him tooth and nail. Britain does not want to integrate her troops with the Eisenhower army although she is willing to contribute a separate force. Belgium and Holland are compar-

tively rich nations in western Europe and are reluctant to pool their economic resources for fear their standard of living will come tumbling down.

Britain wants all of Eisenhower's troops to use a British rifle; America insists on our Garand. The French and West Germans look with suspicion on having their troops fight shoulder to shoulder because the hatred of two world wars still smolders.

The paradox of Eisenhower's position is that every time he makes a step of progress his next step automatically becomes more difficult.

The more troops and equipment he assembles, the less fear people have of the Russians. It is easy to fire up people and nations to extraordinary efforts when a hostile army is on the march against them. But the more security Eisenhower gives, the less western Europe is inclined to go all out.

He has been on the job one year last Sunday, and he has summed up what has happened.

On the bright side: "Morale is definitely sturdier among the civilians and the armed services. In numbers, efficiency and spirit, the soldiers, the sailors and the airmen have been strengthened."

On the dark side: "National economies have been seriously stretched... every reverse the free world suffers, every cost which is paid in Korea, in Indo-China and in other vital areas, has its adverse effect upon us."

Unlike other insurance salesmen, Eisenhower has to keep selling his clients every day even if their names already are on the dotted line. Governments change and, in turn, change national policies. Yesterday, for instance, the French government lost a vote of confidence and some day soon the super-salesman may have to call on a new French premier.

Five Poles Given Death Sentences

Warsaw, Poland (AP)—A military court sentenced five Poles to death Monday night after they pleaded guilty to charges of being "spies sent into Poland by the American Intelligence Service."

Their trial lasted one day. Summing up, the prosecutor accused the U.S. embassy here of leading activities against Poland "since the very first day of diplomatic relations between the people of Poland and the United States."

The condemned men are accused of working with American spies in Germany and with the "White Russian American spy center known as the Committee to Aid Escapees."

Potato Growers Face Heavy Loss

Portland (AP)—The announced price rollback will cost the potato industry around three million dollars for the estimated 5,000 cars still to be marketed, an industry spokesman said here Monday.

To offset the loss which potato growers said they will suffer under the rollback, a marketing agreement committee said it will meet at Klamath Falls Jan. 15-16 to discuss cutting size regulations to 1 1/2 inches from the present 2 inches.

Cut of 15 Cents in Support Price of Ladino Clover Urged

Portland (AP)—The government support price on ladino clover should be reduced 15 cents a pound, the Oregon Seed Growers league was told here Monday.

The league's clover committee said the present support price of \$1.25 might cause a surplus. The committee urged that the support price be cut to \$1.10. The convention will act on the committee's report later.

In other business Monday, growers were told of two possible new clover crop seeds—Romack peas from Georgia and a new rust resistant rye grass from South America.

Virgil Freed, Oregon State college agronomist, described a new spray, IPC chloro, which he said would aid in controlling velvet and other annual grasses in fescue stands. The new spray soon will be available commercially, he said.

James Short, Redmond, league president, appointed a committee to investigate a proposed tonnage tax on Oregon grown seeds, the proceeds to be used to advertise the industry.

George B. Davis of Oregon State college reported that rough handling damaged 43.5 per cent of the Oregon potato

Schools Face Teacher Need

The Salem school board Tuesday night will consider prospective enrollment figures as they apply to the 1952-53 school year. Since the enrollment is expected to continue to increase, it is probable a number of new teachers will have to be secured to take care of the enlarged pupil load.

Superintendent Frank B. Bennett, whose predictions concerning enrollments in the various grades have been extremely accurate, believes the elementary load next year may reach the 4775 mark, or an increase of 325 over this year's figure. If this proves accurate, then the district will need about 13 additional instructors.

The figures do not take into account the number of pupils added to the district by the recent consolidation election. With the exception of the possible transfer to the Sale, junior highs of the 7th and 8th grades of the annexed districts, the rural schools will continue to educate their youngsters.

The superintendent estimates next fall's enrollment of first graders will be between 950 and 975 as against 803 last fall.

A plan for operations of the annexed districts will be presented by the superintendent. Little or nothing can be done in connection with Zena, Spring Valley and Lincoln, all in Polk county, until Spring Valley has its re-vote February 1. Zena and Lincoln have agreed to enter the consolidated district.

Just when bids for the proposed elementary building east of the Englewood district can be asked has not been determined. No reply has been received from federal authorities in connection with an application for release of materials needed for the structure.

Brooks Garden Club
Brooks—Mrs. Anna Dunlavy will be hostess for the Brooks Garden club luncheon in her home, Thursday. The topic will be "House Plants."

O & C Land Grant Counties To Fight for More Money

Portland (AP)—The attorney for the Association of Oregon and California Land Grant Counties will leave for Washington, D.C., January 18 to represent the group on any proposed legislation affecting Oregon's re-vested timberlands.

The attorney, Frank Sever of Portland, was given authority to "review the proposed national legislation and to use discretion on coming amendments."

At a meeting of the association's executive committee Monday, Lane and Clackamas county representatives said they were preparing legal action to obtain their share of \$4,250,000 which they claim is due 18 Oregon counties from the federal government.

At present the counties are entitled to 75 per cent of the revenues from the 2 1/2 million acres of timberlands. The remaining 25 per cent goes to the federal government.

The counties, however, have not received their full share. It is over this shortage that Lane and Clackamas counties threaten suits.

There has been discussion in congress recently to reduce the counties' share to 50 per cent with part of the government funds being set aside for fire protection, access roads and a sustained yield program.

The group also voted preliminary approval of a plan to set aside about 145 acres of O. & C. lands near the Oregon caves for a permanent camp site.



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