

Idaho's Dworshak Blocks Ike on Hawaii Statehood

By JAMES MARLOW
WASHINGTON — For a while it seemed President Eisenhower

SPACE TIMEPIECE



If you're thinking of a trip to Mars, here's just the thing to keep you from missing interplanetary connections. The world's first space timepiece shows the comparative passage of time—days, hours, months, and years—on earth and on planets. The numbers around the face indicate Martian time, which passes only half as fast as earth time due to greater distance from the sun. Think of it, girls! If you're 42 here, you're a frisky 21 on Mars. (AP Wirephoto.)

New Team in First Place

Mrs. Donald Huff, teaming with Mrs. Leonard J. Ahnenmacher to finish at the top this week, advanced to first place among nearly 100 members of the Salem Elks Duplicate Bridge club in the series preliminary to the Regional Meet of the American Contract Bridge League in Portland next month.

Second place was held by Mrs. Charles L. Newsom, who finished second in partnership with Ellis H. Jones. Following were Ray Ward, Mrs. Sam Ramp, M. A. Beyer of Mt. Angel and Mrs. R. L. Park. Others finishing at the top this week included Mrs. Bert Osburn and Mrs. Frank Mohlman, Mrs. John Pugh of Shedd, Mrs. L. W. Frasier, Ray Kemp and Mrs. Dorothy Remmey of Brownsville. Points also went to Sidney Schechtman, Walter M. Cline, Mrs. C. B. Bentson, Mrs. John S. Bone, Maurice Shepard, W. E. Kimsey, Mrs. Lloyd Jones, Mrs. F. C. Lutz and Mrs. Paul F. Burris.

Election of an Elks Bridge club committee for the coming year resulted in re-naming Mrs. Leona Taylor, treasurer, and Walter M. Cline, chairman, and in Charles L. Newsom, Mrs. P. F. Burris and Carl Charnholm being made new directors.

In the second January master point Glenn Hall and Arden Harrah of Corvallis were high north-south, while Mrs. R. L. Park and Lin Miles took top honors on the other side of the boards. Those finishing well up included Mrs. Percy Miner and Mrs. Marlin Thompson, both of Corvallis, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Lewis, W. M. Cline, Sidney Schechtman, Sam Ramp, Ray Ward, L. W. Frasier, W. F. Leary, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kimsey.

Junior winners this week were Wally Wilson and Carl Charnholm, and Lloyd Jones and Hazel Johnson, while in second place were Roy Tokerud and William D. Albright, and Mrs. Albright and Mrs. W. C. Wilson.

Friday evening winners in all-fable competition were W. F. Leary and Mrs. Elsie Day, and Mrs. Ward Graham and Mrs. C. V. Bentson.

Metal Trades Unions End Meet

BELLINGHAM — The Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council pointed Thursday to conclusion of their 14th annual convention with election of officers and picking of a 1955 convention site.

The metalworkers hammered out a series of resolutions Wednesday night in a late-hours session that saw approval of a plan to redistribute funds in their health and welfare plan treasury.

Under present practice, the 7 1/2 cents an hour received for the health and welfare fund is paid into a central treasury for redistribution. After much discussion Wednesday night, a resolution was approved which would permit local or international unions to keep the proceeds within their own treasuries.

BATTERED BODIES FOUND

CAIRO, Egypt — The battered bodies of two British soldiers were found Wednesday night across the railway line near Moascar, in the Suez Canal zone. British military authorities announced Thursday.

might be able to steer Hawaii into statehood without too much trouble. Then a member of his own party, Sen. Dworshak of Idaho, rocked the boat.

For more than 15 years congressional committees have battled around the question of letting the territories of Hawaii and Alaska become states. The Senate has been the bottleneck.

The House gave approval for Hawaii three times, in 1947, 1950 and 1953, and for Alaska once, in 1950. The Senate, never for either.

Democrats and Republicans have talked about statehood for both territories for years, but most of the time in such wassal-words in their campaign platforms as favoring statehood "eventually."

In 1948 the Democrats got bold and favored "immediate" statehood for both. But former President Truman couldn't get the Democratic-controlled Congress to carry through. In their 1952 platform the Democrats repeated themselves.

In that year, with Eisenhower heading the ticket, the Republicans came out for "immediate" statehood for Hawaii but, for Alaska, admission, presumably not so speedily, under an enabling act. Ironically enough, in the 1952 elections Alaska, Democratic for years, elected a Republican Legislature while in Hawaii, traditionally Republican, the Democrats made gains.

As soon as he got into the White House, Eisenhower asked his Republican-controlled Congress to let Hawaii into the Union.

The House okayed a statehood bill for Hawaii. But not the Senate. It was supposed to act this year. Two weeks ago Eisenhower again urged Hawaiian statehood, and again passed over Alaska.

If the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee sent up a bill on Hawaii alone, it might get quick action and might even pass the Senate. If then an Alaska bill came up later, or separately, Alaska would probably be pushed aside.

But if the committee sent up one bill combining Hawaii and Alaska, neither might get approval, since some senators want statehood for Alaska and some don't and there'd be a general mixup and maybe stalemate.

This week the committee, on which the Republicans have a majority, took up the question.

Before the voting, this was the outlook: only one Republican, Sen. Malone of Nevada, and all the Democrats—except Sen. Long of Louisiana, who had committed himself to Hawaii—favored a combined Hawaii-Alaska bill; and all the other Republicans would go for a single bill on Hawaii.

But the vote when it came—it was 8-7—was for a combined bill. Dworshak had voted with Malone and the Democrats. Why? He said later: "To force a showdown. This statehood thing has been kicking around since the year one."

Unless the full Senate itself separates the two territories when it gets the bill, Hawaii's chances of statehood this year don't look too good. Alaska this year, as last year, seems to have no chance at all.

So Eisenhower, who got his first victory this week with Senate approval of the St. Lawrence seaway, got his first real bump of 1954 on the statehood bill.

Convict Loses Freedom Fight

MEDFORD — Gerald T. Macomber, 30, life-term convict, lost a court fight for his freedom Wednesday, and then a state official said he would be asked to pay \$1,000 for bringing the whole thing up.

Macomber is expected to appeal to the State Supreme Court.

Macomber, acting as his own attorney, said he was sentenced illegally in 1950, was denied his rights and was mistreated in the county jail.

He asked for a writ of habeas corpus, but Judge David R. Vandenberg, Klamath Falls, sitting in circuit court here, ruled against him.

Macomber was sentenced to the life term for wounding a state patrolman in a gunfight in 1950. Macomber escaped prison in 1952, but was captured in Southern Oregon after being wounded three times by police.

The judge ruled none of Macomber's rights were violated, and asked the prisoner if he had any further arguments to present.

Macomber said he considered it hopeless to argue further at the hearing, and expressed regret he did not have an attorney.

Then Wolf von Osterstedt, assistant state attorney general, said Macomber would be handed a bill for the hearing expense. He estimated this would be about \$1,000.

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HONORED GUESTS AT ORIENTAL PARTY



Darryl F. Zanuck, center, motion picture producer climaxed a Hollywood party by bringing down the house with his feats of physical prowess. The party given by Herman Hover was a welcome home for Zanuck's daughter, Susan, left, and actress Terry Moore, right, and other members of a troupe recently returned from entertaining GIs in Korea. (AP Wirephoto)

PHILOSOPHER HAS OPERATION
LONDON — Earl Russell — Bertrand Russell, the 81-year-old philosopher — underwent a "not

very serious" operation at a London hospital Thursday. The hospital said later his condition was satisfactory.

Five Killed in 'Copter Crash

PORT ANGELES, Wash. — A big 10-passenger helicopter plunged from 1,500 feet into the icy waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca Thursday afternoon, carrying five men to their deaths.

The plane had been up an hour on a training flight and appeared when its power failed. Coast Guard officials said. It plunged straight down until 100 feet above the water when it nosed slightly, then over into a nose dive as the tail rotor broke under the strain.

The craft landed only 15 yards offshore, in 24 feet of water.

Two bodies were recovered about nine hours after the crash. The Coast Guard said the bodies of the pilot, Lieut. J. W. Day, 26, and Aviation Machinist Dale R. Littleford, both of Port Angeles, were found in the nose of the 'copter when it was lifted from the water early Thursday.

Search continued for the other victims.

Falls City Fire

FALLS CITY—Fire destroyed a chicken house and 334 baby chicks belonging to James Dickinson here last night. It is believed an oil stove used to heat the modern brooder building was responsible for the blaze. The

Falls City fire department responded to the alarm but was hampered because of frozen water hydrants. The temperature was 14 degrees above.

Simpson, Jaureguy Banquet Speakers

The annual banquet meeting of the Salem Board of Realtors will be held at the Marion hotel Saturday night, Jan. 23, when Dave Simpson and Nick Jaureguy of Portland, prominent in the field of real estate, will be the principal speakers.

Members of the local board, their associates, salesmen and wives will be in attendance, as well as numerous out of town guests.

The program will include dinner music by a string ensemble, male soloist and a pantomime team.

Rudy Calaba is president of the Salem board.

The customary Friday noon luncheon of the board will not be held this week.

Court Active At Silverton

SILVERTON—Mrs. H. A. Marcoe signed a warrant charging her husband with "threatening to commit a felony" Tuesday morning. Marcoe was bound over to the grand jury after waiving preliminary hearing before Judge Alf O. Nelson of the local justice court.

Other cases listed in Judge Nelson's court include State of Oregon vs. Clifford Swartout of Marquam, on two charges of passing bad checks, trial set for both cases 10 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 26.

On January 27, at 10 a.m., State of Oregon vs. George W. Hamilton of Salem, charged with drunk driving will be tried.

Robert Betz of Silverton was given a ten-day jail sentence, \$25 fine and costs charged with operating a motor vehicle without correct licenses. Jail sentence was suspended and defendant given until Feb. 10 to pay fine and costs.

Mapleton Saw Mill To Close January 29

EUGENE — Poor market conditions will force the closure of the Siuslaw Forest Products Company's sawmill at Mapleton, 50 miles west of here. Manager Frank McPherson announced Wednesday.

The mill employs 115 persons, but some of them will be hired for a small mill the company plans to open after shutting down the big plant Jan. 29. The firm plans to keep it plywood plant operating.

LT. GEN. HART IN TOKYO

TOKYO — Lt. Gen. Franklin A. Hart, commander of fleet Marine forces in the Pacific, and Maj. Gen. Ray A. Robinson, department of Pacific commander, arrived Thursday for a routine inspection tour.

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