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Primary Elections Slated This Week; Taft Not Opposed

Truman, Ohio Solon, Pepper Star in Fight

Washington, Apr. 29 (U.P.)—President Truman, Sen. Robert A. Taft and Sen. Claude Pepper star this week in primary elections in three states with Taft sitting pretty because he can't lose this one.

The senator is unopposed for republican renomination in Tuesday's Ohio primary. Seven democrats are contesting for the privilege of opposing him next November for the United States senate.

Democrats Race

Senate Auditor Joseph T. Ferguson and Mayor Michael V. Disalle, Toledo, appear to be leading the democratic pack. Taft has prepared and campaigned carefully for the 1950 election but his target has been November throughout because of the certainty that the republican nomination was his for the taking.

Six years ago Taft was re-elected to the senate by a skimpy 72,000 votes out of nearly 3,000,000 cast. This show of weakness at the polls convinced millions of Republicans that Taft lacked vote appeal.

The other primaries Tuesday are in Alabama, Florida and Indiana. President Truman has a big stake in Alabama and Florida pollings. There is no Indiana contest of national significance.

Alabama Big Test

Alabama will elect a state democratic executive committee Tuesday in addition to nominating candidates for federal and state office. Anti-Truman democrats won control of the executive committee by vote of the people in 1948 and Mr. Truman was barred from the Alabama ballot. The state cast its electoral votes for J. Strom Thurmond, states rights candidate.

Tuesday's committee contest is to determine whether states rights or Truman democrat forces control Alabama's party machinery. If states rights committee win Mr. Truman surely can expect no help in 1952 from Alabama.

Mr. Truman's prestige is backing the campaign of Sen. Claude Pepper, of Florida, for democratic renomination.

Three Girls, Youth Forensic Champions

Kenosha, Wis., Apr. 29 (U.P.)—Three girls and a boy walked away with the National Forensic league championships here Saturday night.

Virginia Landwehr, Elgin, Ill., became the first girl to win the extemporaneous speaking contest. Grant Barnes, San Francisco, Calif., took honors in original oratory; Kathryn Bower, Springfield, O., won the radio speaking division; and Sandra Lee Kitchen, Bluefield, W. Va., won the poetry reading contest.

Runners up to Barnes were Wendy Johnson, New Phoenix, Ariz.; Carol McKuen, Nashville, Tenn.; Bob Slavens, Davenport, Ia.; and Ben Porad, Miami Beach, Fla.

Most of State Turns Clock Ahead to DST

By United Press

There will be some dissenters east of the Cascade mountains, but elsewhere the cities and towns of the Pacific northwest will move their clocks ahead one hour Sunday morning to "gain" daylight during spring and summer months.

Daylight saving time was optional in Oregon and Washington again this year, but most of the major cities of the two states decided to follow the lead of California and Nevada. The province of British Columbia also will be on fast time.

Contempt Action Asked Against Earl Browder

Washington, Apr. 29 (U.P.)—A senate sub-committee investigating charges of communism in the state department today ordered contempt actions against Earl Browder and Frederick Vanderbilt Field for refusing to answer certain questions under oath.

Browder is the deposed boss of the American communist party. Field has been described as a financial "angel" for communist causes.

YREKA MAN ELECTED

Yreka, Cal., Apr. 29 (U.P.)—Ernest T. Johnson, Yreka, was elected president of the California County Recorders' association at conclusion of the group's 39th annual conference today.

Telephone Equipment Installers to Set Up Picket Lines Monday

New York, Apr. 29 (U.P.)—Western Electric telephone equipment installers announced Saturday night they would set up picket lines around key telephone exchanges Monday and the government moved immediately to prevent a nationwide telephone strike.

The installers, members of Division 6 of The Communications Workers of America, announced their intention to establish picket lines in 43 states after negotiations with the company broke down over wage issues.

Observe Picket Lines

Joseph Beirne, international president of the CWA, has said: "It is our irrevocable policy to observe picket lines."

Henry Mayer, attorney for Division 6, said he had been in contact with international headquarters today and expected the 320,000 CWA members to respect the picket lines.

Clyde Mills, chief assistant to Federal Mediation Chief Cyrus Ching, asked Division 6

Medford Sees 'Flying Saucer,' Green Streak

The phantom "flying saucer" has finally made its way to Medford. At least, the illusion of it hovered near Medford for several minutes last week, according to reports.

The "saucer" was described as being "bright and shiny and about half the size of the moon." It was said to have traveled steadily northward at a low altitude.

Those sighting the object did not believe it was a real flying saucer, however. They were among on-lookers at the Harold H. Brown residence fire on Old Stage road Sunday. They believed it to be a plane which they saw through high-blowing smoke from the fire.

An eerie blue-green streak that sped over Medford about 9:15 p.m. Friday mystified Clyde Wilson, Delta Waters road, he reported yesterday.

He said the streak appeared over Medford about one-half mile above the town. Wilson estimated that it was about 20 feet long and perhaps a foot wide. He spotted the weird light through a kitchen window watched it for a few seconds then looked out the door but could not see it again.

There was no noise, Wilson said.

One or two third hand reports were heard yesterday also concerning the mysterious light. It was speculated by some people that Wilson might have seen the exhaust of a jet propelled plane but a check with air force flight service indicated no plane of that type in the area at that time.

Acheson, Marshall Say Lattimore Not Policy 'Architect'

Washington, Apr. 29 (U.P.)—Three former secretaries of state and the present secretary, Dean Acheson, said today that Owen Lattimore was not the architect of U. S. policy for China and the far east.

The former secretaries, who took issue with the charges made by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, are Gen. George C. Marshall, Cordell Hull, and James F. Byrnes.

Marshall said McCarthy's charges against the state department were unwarranted and that there is still a possibility of frost damage, and it was pointed out that orchard heating or smudging has been necessary several times.

California fruit may be shipped to the northwest from California for processing because of the over-all light fruit crop prospects in the northwest, it was indicated.

Mixed Pear Crop in Prospect, Group Says

The Pacific coast winter pear committee meeting in Portland Friday forecast a mixed pear crop for the 1950 growing season.

In California, crops probably will be good to excellent, the committee said, but are highly uncertain in the northwest because of considerable winter damage in the Hood River and Yakima districts.

The pear committee said that indications pointed to a good crop in the Medford district, but growers were warned that there is still a possibility of frost damage, and it was pointed out that orchard heating or smudging has been necessary several times.

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Unidentified Planes Engage in Gun Fight

Trento, Italy, Apr. 29 (U.P.)—A police chief said today three unidentified planes engaged in a machine gun fight over the Alpine village of Ruffre, near the Austrian border.

Maj. B. Tornello, head of the Trento carabinieri (federal police) headquarters, said the planes appeared over the village at an altitude of about 15,000 feet and fired at each other.

"Shells carrying the inscription PM43 were found by our investigators in the streets and on rooftops. None of the villagers was injured," Tornello said.

(An American spokesman in Vienna said no United States planes could possibly have been involved in the reported dogfight because no fighter planes were stationed in Austria. Austrian officials said they knew nothing of the incident.)

Belgian Parliament Out; Election Dated

Brussels, Apr. 29 (U.P.)—Prince Regent Charles dissolved the Belgian parliament today and ordered a general election June 4.

This will be the third attempt in less than a year to decide whether King Leopold III shall return to his throne after five years of exile. Thy Belgium is almost hopelessly split on the royal question.

Ski Conditions

Rain last night and poor skiing today were predictions late yesterday for Crater Lake National park. It was expected that snow surface would be icy early in the morning but wet after warmed by the sun. The lunch counter will operate today. The commercial ski tow is out for the season.

Grand Jury Reports Shocking Evidence K. C. Law Violation

County Prosecutor Fires His Assistant

Kansas City, Mo., Apr. 29 (U.P.)—The federal grand jury which has been investigating underworld activities here at the instigation of President Truman today reported "shocking" evidence of state law violations and corruption in public office.

The county prosecutor announced tonight he would request a county jury be impaneled immediately.

Henry H. Fox Jr., Jackson county prosecutor, said also he had fired Sam Hayden, an assistant prosecutor, who was listed in the grand jury report as a "partner" in a gambling house here prior to 1948.

Fox set 7 p.m. as a deadline for Hayden to resign. When Hayden failed to act, Fox fired him.

The grand jury reported that it was helped along considerably in its inquiry by one of the so-called "tough men" of the local underworld, slain Charles Gargotta. The 49-year-old hoodlum, long known as an underworld "enforcer," was shot to death along with Charles Binaggio, north end democratic boss and gambler, April 5.

Gargotta feared the federal government. He "sang" when questioned.

The jury remarked that it was the "most striking illustration of salutory awe and respect for the federal government" which Gargotta became the first witness to "violate the code of the underworld by disclosing the names of his partners and associates in the race horse wire news and gambling enterprises."

Having uncovered numerous instances of state law violations, the jury reported it was making its interim presentation in the hope that its information would be made available to county authorities upon proper request, so that this "blight upon our community may be exterminated."

Millions Americans In Loyalty Parades

Chicago, Apr. 29 (U.P.)—Millions of Americans watched and marched in "Loyalty day" parades today held to counteract any May day demonstrations by left-wingers.

May day traditionally has been a day of celebration and display by radical groups. In Russia it is a holiday and communist leaders make jingoistic speeches.

But the Veterans of Foreign Wars decided that "loyal" Americans should celebrate too and VFW officials said the parades today and tomorrow will more than offset any demonstrations the reds attempt.

Governors of 40 states and Alaska and Hawaii issued Loyalty day proclamations and at New York an estimated 100,000 persons marched down 5th avenue.

About 30,000 marched at Chicago, including 1,000 firemen, 1,000 reserve army officers and members of 15 brass bands.

Marines in Command As War Games Held

Camp Lejeune, N. C., Apr. 29 (U.P.)—U. S. marines entrenched themselves on the "island of San Lejeune" in operation cross-over today hoping to prove that amphibious assaults are not outmoded.

Some 6,000 combat-hardened marines who swarmed onto the beach on amphibious tractors expanded their beachhead to complete the first phase of the war-games operation.

A navy pilot became the first casualty of operation cross-over when his F8F bearcat plane collided with a marine corsair and plunged to earth. The marine plane was damaged by its pilot was not seriously hurt.

The name of the navy pilot was withheld until next of kin could be notified.

Maj. Gen. Franklin A. Hart, commander of the assault forces of the operation, disagreed with a statement of General of the Army Omar Bradley that the atomic bomb has outmoded amphibious operations.

Americans Evacuated From Tientsin, China

San Francisco, Apr. 29 (U.P.)—The American President Liner General Gordon departed from the port of Tientsin tonight bound for Hong Kong with 154 Americans and 546 other persons aboard in the last major evacuation of westerners from Communist China.

The ship's sailing was reported by radio that the repatriation ship left Taku Bar, off Tientsin, at 10 a. m. Sunday, (Tientsin time)—6 p. m. Saturday, PST.

Rubble Marks Tornado Swept Oklahoma Town

Holdenville, Okla., Apr. 29 (U.P.)—Rubble and road blocks, day-after signs of disaster, today marked this city ripped open by a hell-bent tornado.

Five Holdenville residents were dead, along with seven other persons accounted for by a series of twisters that bounced across Oklahoma and west Texas last night. Twenty-two victims still lay in hospitals here, four critically hurt.

WEATHER

FORECAST—Clear to partly cloudy today. Cloudy tonight. Possible rain Monday.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	69
Lowest Yesterday	32



RESCUERS MARVEL AT SURVIVAL—Firemen wielding hacksaws work to free Robert Patterson, 30, who was trapped in this position for 5 1/2 hours after his auto was rammed into a three-foot space between a factory wall and a railroad switch engine in Chicago. Although he screamed "save my wife," firemen found no other occupants in the wreckage "rolled up like a cigar." Rescuers marveled that he survived. Doctors described his condition as serious.

Jet Fighter Plane Crashes Landing At Airport Here

One of a flight of five F-86 "Sabre" jet fighter planes under-shot the runway, tore off its landing gear and skidded to a stop about a thousand yards away from the Medford airport yesterday afternoon. The pilot, Lt. B. E. Gibson, was uninjured, and walked away from the crash.

The crash occurred at 3:55 p.m., and the plane which crashed was the third to land. The other two are still at the field. The last two in the flight, which was understood to be from McClellan air force base in California, were forced to return to the airstrip at Montague, Cal., because the crashed jet blocked the runway. The two jets had only a small supply of fuel left, but made it safely to the northern California field.

Chrysler Walkouts Still Not Settled

Chicago, Apr. 29 (U.P.)—Federal mediators drove today for a weekend settlement of the Chrysler strike.

Meanwhile, a new railroad dispute arose to plague the New York area, already beset by a building service strike.

Marathon negotiations in the 95-day strike by the CIO United Automobile against Chrysler Corp. were reported "in the home stretch."

"Cliff dwellers" in the skyscraper apartment buildings of Manhattan's society belt faced the prospect of a "lost weekend" as hope dimmed for settlement of a strike which has tied up elevators and garbage disposal.

Cigarette Excise Tax Reduction Foreseen

Washington, Apr. 29 (U.P.)—House tax writers said tonight the excise levy on the cheaper brands of cigarettes may be reduced.

The house ways and means committee, which has already tentatively agreed to cut federal excise taxes on some items \$967,000,000 a year, probably will get around the cigarette tax next week.

Cigarette taxes now are seven cents a pack on all brands, regardless of price. The proposal before the committee is to reduce by two cents the tax on brands selling for 12 cents a package or less.

This would enable retailers to sell the so-called economy brands a nickel cheaper than they sell the standard brands, it was said.

Private Airplane Overdue in Flight From Oregon Town

Pilot 67 Years Old; Jordan Valley Eyed

Boise, Ida., Apr. 29 (U.P.)—Idaho air search and rescue units went into action early tonight to search for an overdue private plane with two Portland, Ore., men believed aboard.

Piloting the craft was W. T. Peters, who celebrated his 67th birthday in Portland today. Peters is the owner of the Welders' Supply company of Portland. Visit Sister Relative

Also aboard when the plane took off from Portland this morning was Frank Fraser. Peters was flying him to Boise to visit Fraser's father, who had been seriously ill.

The plane, a maroon and yellow Navion bearing registration numbers NC4284K, apparently had lost its way while en route from John Day, Ore., to Boise and was now unreported and overdue, according to State Aeronautics Director Chet Moulton.

"We've got five or six planes out searching the area around Jordan Valley," Moulton said. Assistance Asked

Jordan Valley is in eastern Oregon, near the Idaho line.

The pilot, Moulton said, had asked for assistance about 4:40 p.m., indicating he was confused as to his whereabouts. He reported an hour's gas supply left at the time. He made some reference Jordan Valley and the CAA station suggested he land at an airstrip there.

"But he didn't seem to be able to land it and the CAA gave him a heading of 25 degrees and told him to make for Boise," Moulton added.

Weak Signals Heard

"About six o'clock some weak signals were received from him and there was no evidence he was able to receive signals from the CAA. Nothing more was heard after that."

Moulton added that he tried to telephone Jordan Valley but was informed that communications were severed shortly before 6 p.m.

In Portland, Mrs. Peters said her husband had been flying about five years and was an extremely cautious pilot. She said the pair planned to be Boise by noon, stay overnight, and fly to a pilot's breakfast in Pendleton, Ore., Sunday morning.

SPORTS BULLETINS

Ventura, Cal., Apr. 29 (U.P.)—Ventura defeated the Stockton Pors here tonight 8 to 5 to stay at the top of the crowded California league ladder.

Sacramento, Apr. 29 (U.P.)—Three Portland Beaver pitchers gave the Sacramento Solons a total of four measly hits here Saturday night as Portland took a 3 to 0 Coast league shutout.

Pullman, Wash., Apr. 29 (U.P.)—Washington State college defeated Oregon State college 84-47 in a northern division track meet here today, taking eight firsts out of 15 events.

Idaho Falls, Ida., Apr. 29 (U.P.)—Chuck Cheshire, former Medford, Ore., Nuggets infielder, was catcher for the Idaho Falls team Saturday night in its game with Billings, Mont., which is managed by a former Medford Dodger, Larry Shepard. Idaho Falls won 9 to 1.

reno, Nev., Apr. 29 (U.P.)—Sparked by the hitting of Al Bolen, the Medford Rogues defeated the Reno Silver Sox 4 to 3 in a Far West league game here Saturday night.

Bolen stood out in what was otherwise a pitchers' duel as he slashed out a double and a single to drive in three runs.

Winning pitcher Carl Hueners who came in in the inning struck out seven batters and allowed ten hits.

Short score:
Medford 4-8-0
Reno 3-10-1
Dykes, Hueners (3) and Guglielmo; Trestler and Borich.

Siskiyou Area Road Improvements Asked

Sacramento, Cal., Apr. 29 (U.P.)—The Sacramento Valley council, California State Chamber of Commerce, announced today a list of highway projects it will recommend next month to the state highway commission.

They included:

Siskiyou county—U. S. 99, Dunsmuir to Big Canyon, four-lane divided, U. S. 99, Weed to six miles north, grade and surface. Sign route 96, Klamath river route to Hamburg, grade and surface portions. Sign route 89, McCloud to Junction with U. S. 99, plans and survey.

Capt. Crommelin To Seek U. S. Senator Position

Montgomery, Ala., Apr. 29 (U.P.)—Capt. John Crommelin, Storm center of the recent unification row, today laid aside his navy blues and embarked on Alabama's stormy political sea.

He said that he would run for the U. S. senate from Alabama on an independent ticket.

\$125,000 Slated for Crater Lake Highway

Reconstruction of Crater Lake highway from Prospect to Cascade Gorge at an estimated cost of \$125,000 has been approved, it was learned definitely from the state highway commission yesterday.

County Engineer Paul B. Rynning said that state highway engineers were here this week-end looking for rock quarries and indicated that they would get right to work on the project. He understood that the work would include widening the shoulders in spots and reinforcing parts of the road with better pavement.

Economics influence

Rynning reported to Jackson County Chamber of Commerce directors Friday that economic factors involved in use of the highway by the lumber industry had apparently influenced the commission's attention to the portion of highway.

The highway stretch is important to valley lumbering operations. Lumbermen and chamber of commerce representatives at a recent conference with commissioners here pointed to need for improvement of the road to remove the necessity for para-

'Daylight Saving' Starts in Medford Area This Morning

Most people are reading their morning papers today an hour earlier than usual—except those, of course, who forget to set their clocks ahead before they went to bed last night.

Those who neglected to get on the daylight saving time wagon last night should take care of that detail this morning or they will be out of step with just about everyone on the west coast.

Some confusion is expected as to whether clocks should go forward or backward. They should be set ahead—in other words, clocks that read 9 a.m., for example, now, should be set up to 9 a.m.

That is a process being followed by nearly every community in the state, by most government agencies, bus lines, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, California-Oregon Power company, Camp White, dormitory center, Rogue River national forest and all its field offices and services.

Loudspeakers Fight Expected in Berlin

Berlin, Apr. 29 (U.P.)—An estimated 1,000,000 persons will jam midtown Berlin's flag draped streets Monday for the May day "battle of the loudspeakers."

All over the continent, other millions will be demonstrating in smaller rallies of communists, anti-communists and, in many cases, a mixture of both.

Police will be at full strength in almost every city, but a survey of western Europe by the United Press indicates that police do not anticipate any major disturbances.

Berlin and Paris are potential trouble spots. In both cities huge demonstrations of opposed factions are scheduled only short distances from each other.

An estimated 200,000 pro-communists will rally behind their red banners in the Russian sector of Berlin. Less than a mile away, on the British side of the flag-covered Brandenburg gate, an estimated 300,000 anti-Reds will jam the Tiergarten park around the burned-out Reichstag parliament building.

146,500 Army Troops Located in Germany

Washington, Apr. 29 (U.P.)—The defense department disclosed today for the first time that this country has about 146,500 army troops in western Germany.

Until now this information along with the general deployment of other overseas troops, has been kept top secret.

The department said an additional 123,500 troops are in the far east. By far the greatest number are in Japan. The others are in Okinawa, Korea, some of the islands formerly held by Japan.

Of the troops in Germany, an official spokesman said, 85,500 are concentrated in Berlin where U. S. army officials are set for trouble in connection with a communist youth march scheduled for May 28. Another 10,000 U. S. troops are stationed in Austria.

Fast Train Hits Truck At Colorado Crossing

Longmont, Colo., Apr. 29 (U.P.)—The Burlington Zephyr, en route from Cheyenne, Wyo., to Denver, plowed into a water tank truck near here today injuring the fireman of the train.

The train did not leave the rails and no one else was injured, according to Burlington officials.

In critical condition at a Longmont hospital was D. M. Granssted of Denver.