

European News Breaks Against Return Home Of Gen. Eisenhower

By LYLE C. WILSON
Washington (U.P.)—The latest reports that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower would come home to campaign do not stand up well under close examination.

The day by day European news breaks are against the general's return. The political situation developing in the United States, of course, is an urgent spur to the hope of some Ike-for-President campaigners that the general will make a personal fight for the Republican presidential nomination.

Would Lift Campaign

Eisenhower is a powerful speaker with a million-dollar smile. The campaign to nominate him undoubtedly would get a tremendous lift from his appearance on home grounds. Some persons believe the campaign urgently needs the general not only back in the United States but on the stump talking to the voters.

However that may be, the word is being passed around that he will come back. His managers are being quoted to that effect. The radio, newspapers and magazines are spreading the word.

Won't Ask To Be Relieved

But Ike, himself, has said he would not campaign. He has told visitors that and in his agreement to permit his name to be put up for President he said last Jan. 7: "I would not seek nomination for political office. Under no circumstances will I ask relief from this assignment in order to seek nomination for political office and I shall not participate in the pre-convention activities of others who may have such an intention with respect to me."

Just to sew it up tight, President Truman then said he did not plan to relieve Ike. The general's statement was definite. But conditions could change so dramatically and favorably in Europe as practically to release him from his western defense job.

There has been no such change. On the contrary, some news has been bad. Great political progress toward Europe's defense was made at the February meeting of North Atlantic treaty powers in Lisbon. But great as the progress was, it was vastly over-ballyhooed in first reports and much exaggerated as to accomplishments in terms of men, guns and equipment.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

There's an odd and in its way rather fascinating little tale in the news as this is written. It concerns an 82-year-old Colorado schoolteacher and librarian who liked so much the way the government treated her Civil War veteran father that when she died a week or so ago she willed Uncle Sam the tidy sum of \$55,000.

The dispatch goes on:

"Attorney William C. Rhodes says the spinster schoolmarm was grateful for the way the government treated her father, William C. Thomas, a Union Army veteran who was wounded and imprisoned in a Confederate prisoner-of-war camp."

"Rhodes said the government provided Thomas with a \$20 monthly pension and certain other benefits."

THE odd part of it, I suppose is that in these days anyone would be grateful to the government for a pension—especially one of only \$20 a month. It is the way of the present world to take such things for granted—and even to be a little bit miffed at the smallness thereof.

Perhaps it is explained by the lady's age. At 82, she remembered other days and other manners.

THERE is another angle to the situation.

In these days, most of us would be inclined to reason that the old gentleman with the chin whisker would get the bulk of the estate anyway in the form of taxes, so why break down and GIVE him anything?

BUT let's be serious for a moment.

Back in the days of which the Civil War was a part, there was RESPECT for government. For one thing, the president, in those days was Abraham Lincoln, a man who commanded great respect. There was even respect for political parties. In the grave period that immediately preceded the Civil War, the Republican party was born. At its birth, the Republican party had more than a mere itch for office. It BELIEVED two things:

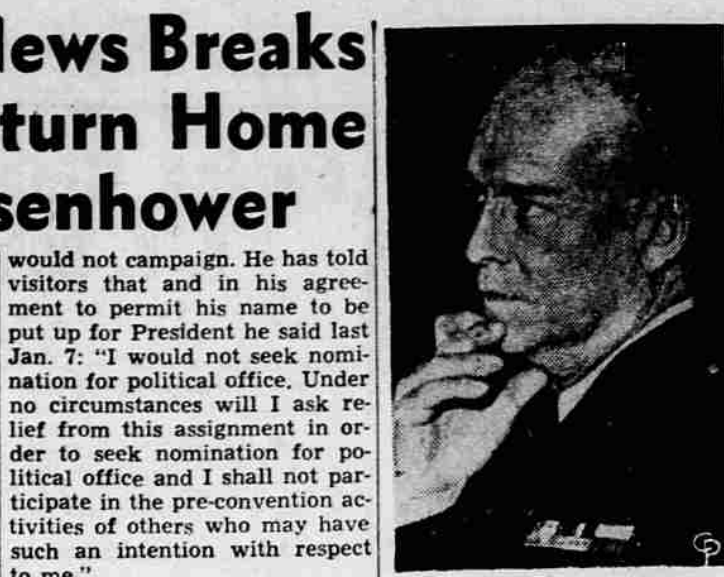
1. The Union is RIGHT, and must be preserved.
2. Slavery is WRONG, and must be abolished.

YOU RESPECT beliefs like that. You respect them deeply. That isn't all. You respect men who hold beliefs like that. The institution of individual human freedom, upon which our country is built, was established by men of that sort, holding beliefs of that sort.

Tele-fun

by Warren Goodrich

"Sorry to interrupt, but I must get the fire department. A glow worm and a lightning bug just lit on me!" ... For emergency calls over a busy party-line, simply explain the circumstances to the other person ... Pacific Telephone.



LISTENING to French politicians during Paris reception, General Dwight D. Eisenhower is in unusually somber mood because of crisis growing out of government's fall. (International)

Quick-Thinking Pilot Saves Lives In Crash of Plane

Tokyo (U.P.)—A C-97 military transport evacuation plane carrying 58 patients—27 of them litter cases—crashed during takeoff Thursday and only the pilot's skill saved the passengers from death.

The huge four-engined plane was taking off from Haneda air base on the outskirts of Tokyo for Midway island when the right landing gear collapsed. The pilot, Maj. John D. Davis, reversed his propellers and used the nose wheel to swing the plane to the right.

Smashes Into Mud

It smashed into mud beside the runway, only a few feet from a seawall on the edge of Tokyo bay. If it had gone straight ahead only seconds more, it would have plunged into the bay.

Two passengers were injured slightly by pieces of propeller blades which broke off and cut through the fuselage.

Sprayed to Prevent Fire

Within a minute and 15 seconds crash rescue crews reached the plane and sprayed it with foam to prevent fire while the patients were removed.

All patients were removed within three minutes under direction of the flight nurses. Within three hours all but the two slightly hurt passengers were placed aboard another C-47 en route to their first stop at Midway. The Air Force did not disclose the eventual destination of the patients, although they presumably were heading for Hickam Field, Hawaii, and the U.S.

4-H Club News

Valley View Club

Dough Babies was the name decided for the Valley View 4-H cooking club at its meeting. Nine members were present. We sang songs and played games. The second demonstration was on the art of making rice and cereals.

Donna Falor, Reporter.

The Grange

Sams Valley Grange

Sams Valley Grange met March 1 with Master Ralph James presiding. Gus Kohlner spoke on soil. Carlos Morris showed some pictures which all enjoyed.

HEC met at Thelma Beers' place and some new officers were installed. Sister Straus reported that HEC will buy new curtains for the hall.

There will be a dance March 8 at Sams Valley Grange hall. Next Grange meeting will be March 15 with a potluck dinner at 7:30 p. m. A display table of old dishes will be shown by Mrs. Walter Miller.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Day, Mrs. Haines and Mrs. Balkan.

WINS DIVORCE

Santa Monica, Cal. (U.P.)—Mary Rogers Brooks, 34, daughter of the late humorist Will Rogers, won a divorce from Walter Brooks, stepson of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, on charges that he drank excessively "two or three times a week."

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America Takes First Steps for Release Of Oatis by Czechs

By HOMER JENKS

The U. S. has taken a first step toward negotiating the release of American correspondent William N. Oatis from a prison in Communist Czechoslovakia.

But a long rough road of bargaining lies ahead before the prison gates swing open for the slight, bespectacled 38-year-old newsman who began a 10-year sentence for espionage last Fourth of July.

He was labeled a spy by the Czech Reds for doing what in any non-Communist country would be a routine job of news-gathering—asking questions about what had happened to prominent citizens and collecting political, economic and military news.

The Czech government for a long time refused even to consider negotiating with the Americans over Oatis.

But from Paris comes word that the U. S. recently handed the Czechs proposals which ultimately may bring his release.

Optimism Created

The mere fact that the Czechs consented to receive the proposals excited cautious optimism in American diplomatic quarters. The next step is up to the Czechs.

American circles obviously hope that the Czechs will accept the proposals as a basis for negotiation. Then the hard bargaining will begin.

No details of the proposals

are available. However, some idea of the path the negotiations will follow may be gained by studying the case of Robert A. Vogeler, who also was imprisoned on espionage charges by a Communist government.

Retaliation Taken

Vogeler was sentenced by a Hungarian people's court on Feb. 21, 1950 to 15 years in prison. When Budapest rejected American approaches for his release, the U. S. retaliated by closing Hungarian consulates in New York and Cleveland and banning American travel in Hungary.

Seventeen months and much bargaining later, Vogeler was released in exchange for what Budapest called the granting of "various just Hungarian claims"—the lifting of the American retaliatory measures, plus the return to Hungary of property looted by the Nazis in 1944 and taken to western Germany.

The U. S. has taken similar retaliatory steps against Czechoslovakia, not only for the imprisonment of Oatis but for the earlier Czech closure of U. S. Information Service libraries and arbitrary orders for reduction of U. S. diplomatic staffs in the Red country.

Geologists consider the fossil record of ancient forests one of the most accurate sources for information regarding the geological history of any area.

Thursday, March 6, 1952

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

Buyer Resistance Brings Sharp Cut In Butter Prices

Chicago (U.P.)—Buying resistance on the part of the nation's housewives was reflected Thursday in sharply lower butter prices, and egg prices also were on the skids.

Retailers and officials of the Chicago mercantile exchange agreed that the break, which developed last week on the wholesale level, was brought on by the refusal of consumers to buy butter at prices edging toward \$1 a pound.

Further cuts were announced by Chicago chain stores Wednesday, bringing down the price of butter as much as 14 cents under prices of a week ago.

And chains across the nation followed Chicago's lead.

Eggs in some locations were down as much as 30 cents under the highs set last November.

Price Average Down

The price reporting firm of Dun and Bradstreet in New York said its average of the wholesale prices of 31 generally used foods dropped two cents in the week ended March 4.

The average was \$6.56, or 9.8 per cent below the average of \$7.27 during the same week a year ago. However, the average was still 10.1 per cent above the pre-Korean War level of \$5.96.

Reprocessed wool is made from scraps of knitted, woven or felted fabrics manufactured for the first time.

HAIRCUTS REDUCED

Longview (U.P.)—Haircuts in five Longview and Kelso, Wash., barbershops were \$1 a head for adults Thursday as the result of the shops' affiliation this week with the CIO barber local at Vancouver, Wash. During the past year and-a-half, the price for haircuts has been \$1.25 per adult man.

Most of the islands which remain in the public domain are masses of rock, inaccessible, un-

surveyed, and not classified for disposal.



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