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Primary Race Set In New Hampshire

Concord, N. H. — (U.P.) — New Hampshire's "grass roots" political campaign drew to a close Saturday night with indications of a tight race between Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Sen. Robert A. Taft in the nation's first primary.

Voters of the snow-covered granite state will mark ballots Tuesday in a test which may give the first hint of who will be the Republican and Democratic candidates in November.

Leaders of both parties describe the election as a "key" contest, and the most extensive "cracker barrel" campaign ever conducted by White House hopefuls is certain to bring out an unusually heavy vote.

Also Pick Delegates
The voters will select delegates to the national nominating conventions and also will name the man they prefer in Washington.

The dual ballot has political leaders worried. They differ over whether the delegates or the legalized "straw" poll is more important. A candidate must win both for an unquestioned victory.

Eisenhower supporters have banked heavily on the New Hampshire race. Their slate of delegates is comprised of strong "vote-getters" and they look to the popularity contest as giving Eisenhower "the call from the people."

"Feel Confident"
"We feel confident that we will win both a majority of the delegates and the preferential contest," one Eisenhower leader said. "However, if the general is beaten he may withdraw entirely from the field. He is not seeking the job, we are seeking him."

Taft, completing a three-day swing with a vigorous attack on Eisenhower's candidacy, hangs his hopes on topping the popularity poll. He estimates he will take only four of the 14 Republican delegates, but may be deliberately underestimating his strength.

While the senator from Ohio agrees New Hampshire is a "key" state, he has no thought of withdrawing from the race if he is beaten.

Kefauver Seeks Upset
On the Democratic side, Sen. Estes Kefauver could produce a major upset. He has virtually conceded victory to delegates favoring President Truman but has beaten the bushes for "straw" votes.

Kefauver said he was in the race as a "loyal Democrat" not opposed to any candidate, but he doesn't think Mr. Truman will run again.

The President's New Hampshire campaign has had no direct support from the White House. His managers emphasized they have had no word from him but feel he will make the run.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur has a full slate of delegates and alternates running but the Taft people claim the general personally favors the Ohio senator.

Harold E. Stassen made a sweeping personal campaign. He has no organization or delegates running but his name is on the popularity poll. Former Democratic Chairman James A. Farley is favored by some delegates, but he is not on the straw ballot.

Seasonal Hump Of Unemployment Reported Passed
Jackson county passed the hump of seasonal unemployment last month.

The Medford office of the State Employment Service said that the annual low point was passed in mid-February, and that the number of jobs "definitely began to climb before the end of the month."

There was still considerable unemployment at the end of the month, however, according to the report, due mostly to logging operations being delayed by heavy snow in the mountains. The principal factor needed to restore a high level of employment is enough good weather to permit the woods to open up, the report said.

2,530 Jobless
Unemployment at the end of the month was estimated at 2,530, or 9 per cent below a month ago, and 29 per cent more than this time last year. Job placements were slightly above the total for last February.

The report, in commenting on the Army's recent announcement that Camp White will be placed on a stand-by basis at a cost of some \$6,000,000, said that "this will be a very small job compared to the construction project carried out in 1942."

The money allocated for Camp White work is about one-sixth of the cost of the former construction, which took place box 117A, Ashland, who was charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. The jury vote was five to one for conviction, it was said.

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Ashland Man Judged Guilty of Drunk Driving
A district court jury Friday returned a guilty verdict against John William Lybrand, route 1, box 117A, Ashland, who was charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. The jury vote was five to one for conviction, it was said.

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Purpose of Reappointment Of Officials Is Explained
Purpose of the resignations and reappointments of a number of Jackson county officials and employees last December was to change from the state retirement plan to federal social security, County Clerk George Carter explained Saturday.

Under the state retirement plan, Carter said, the retirement board stated that if elective officers wanted to they could change from the state to the federal plan. But the understanding was given that, unless all the county elective officers changed, successors of those who did not could not come under either plan. That was the reason for the wholesale quitting.

Legal Publications
The resignations and reappointments were not reported at the time but appeared in a publication of county court proceedings in legal notices on January 28. Fuller public attention to the matter was brought Friday when County Engineer Paul B. Rynning filed for reelection.

Other elective officials concerned were Treasurer Ralph Sweeney, Clerk Carter, Assessor C. A. Myers, School Superintendent Al Mekvold and Judge J. B. Coleman, who was reappointed by the governor.

State law permits persons appointed to fill out unexpired terms of elective offices to serve until the post is filled by the next general election. Although Rynning's present term normally would have expired in 1954, he was thus forced to seek reelection this year. Terms of the other officials involved expire anyway.

Carter brought out that state retirement costs much more than social security. The state plan protects only the one person while social security protects the employee and allows his wife half as much as he.

Now "Out On Limb"
However, all who pulled out of state retirement are "out on a limb" and presently are not covered by either the state or the federal plan. Now county officials are being told that every employee has to come under social security. There are a number who did not pull out from the state plan. They have many years of previous service, are not old enough yet for retirement and cannot afford to make the switch, Carter reported.

It looks as if congress is going to have to change the law, Carter added.

Lucky Luciano Reported Head Of Dope Ring

23 Persons Indicted In San Francisco

Washington — (U.P.) — Charles (Lucky) Luciano, one-time New York vice overlord, was "definitely" behind an international narcotics smuggling ring cracked in San Francisco, a government official said today.

Assistant Chief George W. Cunningham of the Narcotics bureau, said Luciano controls all of the narcotics smuggling from Italy.

In San Francisco, Assistant U. S. Attorney Joseph Karesch said "about five" of the 23 persons indicted by the grand jury there yesterday had "talked" implicating "several" of the 23. Karesch reported no new names had cropped up as a result of what the five had said.

More Indictments
However, Karesch said he "hoped" many new persons in other states would eventually be indicted "as a result of past investigations and the current investigation."

Luciano was convicted of compulsory prostitution in New York in 1936 and was in prison when Gov. Thomas E. Dewey commuted his sentence in 1946 and he was deported to Italy.

Since then Luciano has been living in Italy with no apparent source of income, but he has lived lavishly, according to all reports received here.

Luciano Blamed
The senate crime committee, in its report on crime syndicates in the United States, blamed Luciano for having a good part in the world traffic in drugs.

In San Francisco, Assistant U. S. Attorney Joseph Karesch, apparently unintentionally, reported that a "man in Illinois," one of the 23 indicted by the grand jury yesterday, had talked. Karesch said the information was "so hush, hush, I'm even afraid to talk about it."

He said the "boys are singing all over the place now," Karesch said the "singing" would probably result in many new arrests, involving about "two or three more states."

When Karesch referred to the "man in Illinois," he stopped himself quickly, saying, "Oh, I shouldn't have mentioned that." Earlier, Karesch reported that "about five" of the 23 had "talked." However, at that time Karesch said no new names had cropped up as a result of the information.

Portland Man Held
Portland — (U.P.) — Michael DePinto, 48, Portland, was being held for the U. S. marshal Saturday following his arrest in a nationwide roundup of alleged narcotic violators.

DePinto was taken into custody by Portland vice squad officers at the home of his mother, after being under surveillance for some time.

Toasts in Two Sizes, Short and Extra-Long
London — (U.P.) — Queen Elizabeth II has approved the following form and order for royal toasts:

1. "The Queen."
2. "Queen Elizabeth, the queen mother, Queen Mary, the Duke of Edinburgh and other members of the royal family."

Candidate — Dr. G. A. Dierdorff, Medford, announced Friday that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for state representative from Jackson county. His filing brings to three the number of men after the GOP nomination; incumbent's Robert Root and E. H. Mann filed previously. There is no Democratic candidate.

Four local people have filed for the two posts as GOP convention delegates from the fourth congressional district. They are Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, Gene Brantley, Catherine Holtz and A. Lausmann.

(The county clerk Friday cast some doubt upon the candidacy of Catherine Holtz when he revealed that his records show no such person being registered in Jackson county as a Republican. No Medford directories list a Catherine Holtz, and no public announcement of her candidacy has been made.



STOPPING RED SUPPLIES—Navy pilots from the aircraft carrier USS Antietam leave this train burning on the tracks in North Korea after a sudden strike. The Antietam is part of a fast carrier task force operating off the coast of Korea. Their sudden strikes are designed to disrupt the Communists' flow of war material. (U. S. Navy Photo.)

Crew of Eight Killed In Wreck of US Plane

Kleine Scheidegg, Switzerland — (U.P.) — Four daring Swiss guides reached the wreckage of

a U. S. Air Force C-47 high in the Swiss Alps Saturday and reported all eight Americans aboard were killed when the plane smashed into an Alpine glacier.

The patrol of tough mountain guides, all of them skiing champions, said the plane which crashed at the 9,000 foot level of the Jungfrau Massif, setting off a small avalanche, was destroyed. The debris was bloodstained, but they could not find the bodies lying under a fresh blanket of snow more than two feet deep.

The patrol said there was no trace of the fuselage. They said the wings and tail were visible but that the fuselage apparently exploded when the plane hit the sheer wall of rock and ice.

The plane was on a flight from Madrid to the U. S. air base at Fuesste-Feldbruck near Stuttgart when it plunged into a sheer ice wall, killing all those aboard. The four guides reached the wreckage after a tortuous five-hour climb and failed to send a prearranged signal that would send rescue parties after any survivors.

A crowd some two miles below watched them through field glasses as the guides tramped through the snow among the wreckage. Although they did not find the bodies, the guides reported tonight "there is no hope whatever of digging them out alive."

A rescue column will start out from here early tomorrow morning equipped with avalanche dogs especially trained in finding persons buried under snow.

The four guides left the crash scene after a short search, picked up their skis they had left midway on the Guggi glacier and could be seen from here racing down into the valley at breakneck speed.

They arrived at the search headquarters in Weingarten and reported what they had seen.

Expected Avalanche
Karl Schlunegger, one of the guides, said "snow reached up to our chests. I expected an avalanche any minute. The plane was an awful sight. It was smashed into little pieces and scattered over a wide area. Only the tail was in sight. The fuselage had completely disappeared."

"There was a lot of blood on the snow, but we could not find any bodies although we searched diligently and used our ski sticks for probing."

The four world-famous Swiss guides made a perilous five-hour climb up the slopes of Guggi glacier despite the threat of new avalanches, fog and blinding snow flurries.

Strike Delayed For More Study
Denver — (U.P.) — A nationwide oil strike scheduled to begin Sunday was "reluctantly" postponed indefinitely by oil union officials to allow the Wage Stabilization board time to study the dispute.

The postponement was announced for a coalition of 22 oil unions here by O. A. Knight, president of the CIO Oil Workers International Union.

The months-old dispute between union leaders and management centered around union demands for a flat 25 cent an hour increase in wages.

French Premier Asks Approval Of New Cabinet

Progressive Catholics Join Pinay Government

Paris — (U.P.) — Independent Premier Antoine Pinay succeeded Saturday in forming a streamlined coalition government pledged to put France on a paying basis.

Pinay presented his cabinet list to President Auriol for approval after a night-long series of hectic party meetings. He was able to form the government after the Progressive Catholic Popular Republican movement agreed to take part in the coalition provided they were not assigned any economic, finance or labor posts.

Keeps Finance Job
Pinay, a 60-year-old tannery owner, kept the finance post himself, as did his predecessor, Edgar Faure, whose government fell eight days ago. The Faure government consisted of 40 ministers. Pinay's has only 17.

Robert Schuman stays on as foreign minister in the new government and the other cabinet posts were filled by members of the last two governments.

Pinay now must present his cabinet list to the National Assembly on Tuesday. Political observers gave him a fair chance of winning Assembly approval to head France's 15th government since the liberation. It would be the first postwar government to be headed by an Independent right winger.

Rene Pleven, a former premier, was assigned the job of defense minister in the new government succeeding Georges Bidault, who is ailing. Most other top posts were unchanged.

Senators Support Tax Bureau Plan
Washington — (U.P.) — Three Democratic senators said today the Senate must choose next week between "discredited political patronage" in the scandal-ridden Internal Revenue bureau or a career-merit system.

Strongly supporting President Truman's proposed reorganization of the tax-collecting agency, they used some of his words to assert the issue is simply "whether the Senate is willing to give up the discredited political patronage system of appointments in the bureau."

A Senate vote on the House-approved plan is scheduled for Wednesday or Thursday with the outcome in doubt. The law requires 49 votes to kill the plan.

A Senate administration spokesman said the outcome will hinge largely on how the Republicans vote and the number of absentees.

The three calling for its approval were Sens. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), A. S. Monroney (D-Okla.) and Blair Moody (D-Mich.).

"This (next) week the Senate faces the choice between political patronage and a real career-merit system in the future collection of some \$70 billion in governmental revenue," they said.

Mr. Truman proposes to replace the 64 politically-appointed tax collectors with 25 collectors who would be under civil service.

SPORTS BULLETINS
Central Point — Klamath Falls gained the right to represent District No. 4 in the state Class A high school basketball tournament by trouncing Crater high 53 to 29 here Saturday night.

By the victory, the Pels made it two straight wins in the two-out-of-three game play-off for the tournament berth. Klamath won Friday night 58 to 42 at Klamath Falls.

The Pelicans had little trouble with the tired Comet quint which lacked its fire of the previous night. First quarter score was 15 to 7 for Klamath which led all the way. Halftime margin was 33 to 11 and at the third quarter the bulge was 43 to 20.

A complete team of Pel reserves went in midway in the third quarter and finished the fracas. Ralph Carroll paced Klamath with 18 points and Boyle scored nine for Crater.

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — The Washington Huskies nosed out the UCLA Bruins 53 to 50 tonight to even the series in the battle for the Pacific Coast conference basketball crown.

Numerous Claims Slow Truce Talks

Tokyo, Sunday — (U.P.) — A meeting between Allied and Communist negotiators on the Korean truce supervision terms broke up after a two-minute session today at Panmunjom.

It was the shortest meeting ever held between the two sides discussing item 3 of the proposed Korea armistice. Negotiators hardly had time to take their seats before the meeting was over and another session was scheduled for Monday at 11 a. m. (6 p. m. PST Sunday).

Sub-delegations on exchange of prisoners under the armistice terms adjourned their meeting in another tent at the discussion site after 33 minutes of discussion. They also agreed to meet again Monday.

U.S. Claims
Both sides had met in the charged atmosphere of American claims U.S. prisoners are interned secretly in Chinese Manchuria and Red insistence the UN is conducting germ warfare against North Korea and China.

Premier Chou En-Lai of China said that any American pilots captured after dropping germs on China would be treated as "war criminals." Presumably that would mean trial and execution.

The truce talks at Panmunjom already were clouded by an

Allied charge that the Communists have shipped at least 1,000 prisoners, including Americans, across the North Korean border to Manchuria.

Chou, in a broadcast from Peiping, said the United States government must "bear full responsibility" for the air attacks on northeast China.

The United Nations command has denied there have been any such attacks.

Germ Warfare Charged
An official Communist mouthpiece, the Peiping People's Daily News, said:

"The American aggressors have chosen precisely this moment to bomb our northwest again and to carry out large scale germ warfare with the obvious aim of wrecking the armistice talks in Korea, prolonging and expanding the aggressive war in Korea and instigating new wars."

Chou's accusation capped a two-week propaganda campaign by the Reds against alleged "bacteriological warfare" by the Allies. It was the first time the Reds had openly linked the campaign with the armistice talks.

The People's Daily detailed what it said were "open and direct acts of aggression of the U. S. government" beginning with establishment of a Navy cordon on the China coast in June, 1950, and first intrusions by U. S. aircraft over China in August.

The reference to a cordon obviously was to the U. S. 7th fleet which on the outbreak of war in Korea was ordered to patrol the sea between Formosa and the China mainland.

Local Court Lacks Strike Jurisdiction

The way was left open for pickets to return to the Singleton Milling company, Central Point, Saturday following a circuit court finding that the court had no jurisdiction to grant continuance of a temporary restraining order against picketing at the plant. The decision was handed down by Judge O. J. Millard, Grants Pass.

Judge Millard stated that because the firm is engaged in interstate commerce, the circuit court has no jurisdiction in the case. In accord with this finding, to obtain an injunction the Central Point firm must now go before the national labor relations board.

After announcing his findings in the hearing, Judge Millard stated from the bench, however, that he would have acted as did Judge H. K. Hanna in granting the temporary restraining order. He stated that he believed the facts warranted issuing such an order.

Attorneys for the Singleton mill were unable to comment immediately whether an injunction would be sought from the NLRB.

No pickets have been placed at the plant late Saturday.

Elsewhere on the strike scene, conditions were unchanged.

Record Snowpacks Pile Up In Southern Oregon Area

Record-breaking snowpacks are piling up in southern Oregon mountains, and the water supply outlook throughout the state ranges from good to "excellent," the snow survey office reported Saturday.

Out of 17 snow courses measured March 1 in the Rogue basin, 13 have broken all previous records of March 1 water content, and nine of them have broken the all-time record for water content at any time of year.

Flood Danger Seen
"Record or near-record" streamflow was forecast on a number of rivers throughout the state, including the Rogue, Applegate and Illinois. "Extremes or high water during the melting season can be expected," the report said, "...while unusual melting condition accompanied by abnormal rains can produce extremely damaging flows in all cases."

Reservoir water supplies are 22 per cent less than last year, but above-normal snow cover should make up this difference, the report said.

Throughout the state the water content of the mountain snow cover averages 167 per cent of normal on 93 measured snow courses. It is 160 per cent of normal on 120 per cent of one month ago.

Illinois Highest
In the Rogue River drainage basin, the courses totaled 212 per cent of last year at the same time, 168 per cent of 1950 and 209 per cent of average. Highest of the individual drainage basins within the Rogue area was in the Illinois valley, where the snow water content is now 448 per cent of 1951, 190 per cent of 1950 and 331 per cent of average.

The data which goes into the snow surveys and resulting water forecasts is gathered by the cooperative federal-state snow survey, which uses figures supplied by a large number of cooperating agencies. State headquarters are in Medford, and W. T. "Jack" Frost, Medford, is hydraulic engineer in charge.

The U. S. Weather bureau, which this year for the first time has been issuing general river forecasts, also issued its March forecast Saturday.

Above Average
Above normal February precipitation in the Rogue and Klamath basins assures excellent water supplies, the forecast said. Even if precipitation for the remainder of the season is as low as the minimum of record, 110 per cent of average runoff can be expected, it added.

The forecast for the Middle Fork of the Rogue river, near Prospect, amounted to 160,000 acre feet on the Weather Bureau report, which it listed as 121 per cent of normal.