

Ike in 2nd Place By Record Number Of Write-in Votes

General Runs Close to Stassen in Minnesota

Minneapolis—(U.P.)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, whose name was not on the ballot, swept to an amazing second-place position Wednesday in the Minnesota presidential primary on a record wave of write-in votes.

He ran close on the heels of favorite son Harold E. Stassen, former Minnesota governor whose name was on the Republican ballot, and polled nearly half as many write-in votes in the Democratic primary as President Truman did in Washington observers said Eisenhower won a great moral victory.

Returns from 2,519 of the state's 3,769 precincts gave Stassen 109,627 and Eisenhower 96,647.

In the Democratic primary, Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, D-Minn., a stand-in for President Truman, rolled to an easy victory.

Returns from 2,422 precincts gave Humphrey 88,314 votes. Sen. Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn., drew 17,831 write-in votes. President Truman received 2,796 write-in votes and Eisenhower 1,314 write-ins on the Democratic side.

Edward C. Slettedahl, a St. Paul school teacher running as a stand-in for Gen. Douglas MacArthur, conceded defeat. He polled fewer votes than Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, whose name was not on the ballot.

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RIVERS OF WATER flow in Los Angeles streets during heavy rain storm which caused storm sewers to back up. This view of downtown area was at Olympic boulevard looking southward down Hope street. Thousands of automobiles were marooned by floods. (International Soundphoto)

Snow Halts Sierra Highway, Rail Travel

By UNITED PRESS

One of the worst blizzards of the winter halted rail and highway travel over the Sierra Nevada range Wednesday while rains lashed the Midwest in the wake of a series of tornadoes as winter made its last official curtain call.

The Southern Pacific railroad said it was forced to suspend temporarily freight and passenger service over Donner Summit in the Sierra Nevada mountains and highway crews struggled against the mounting snows to reach an isolated resort area. The storms caused four deaths in the Far West.

Tornadoes in Mississippi

A storm center gathering strength in the Midwest Tuesday night unleashed tornadoes in the Mississippi valley.

A twister ripped a quarter-mile path through Farmington, Mo., injuring one woman and tearing the roofs off several houses.

Schools' Budgets Set at \$1½ Million

Tentative budgets totalling \$1,595,990.83 have been submitted to the county rural school board by 23 second and third class districts, the county school superintendent's office reported today. The budgets, which must be approved by the rural board, call for \$925,658.17 to be raised by taxes.

The list of districts include all those in the county with the exceptions of Medford, Central Point and Ashland, which are first class districts.

The districts estimate they will have cash incomes totalling \$670,332.66, most of which would come from state and county funds.

The rural board will hold the first in a series of meetings on the budgets tomorrow in the county school superintendent's office. April 10 is the deadline for notifying local school districts of budget changes contemplated by the rural board and hearings will be scheduled between April 10 and 20.

Marshfield, Central Win Tourney Games

Eugene—(U.P.)—Marshfield whipped Scappoose 71-61 Wednesday to open the second day of action in the 1952 Oregon state high school class "A" basketball tournament here.

Central Catholic of Portland, a pre-tournament favorite, defeated The Dalles 75-64.

Another tornado damaged 25 to 30 buildings in Kane, Ill., 85 miles to the north.

Flood Preparations Made

The Southwest, meanwhile, made preparations for possible emergency flood conditions as record snows piled up in the New Mexico and southern Colorado mountains.

The late winter snows, coming on winter's last official day, dumped 300 inches or about 25 feet of snow in the Donner Summit region of the Sierra Nevada mountains.

Highway crews fought through the mounting drifts to reach 115 persons trapped in the June lake resort region.

Fuel Supply Low

The victims were said to be running "dangerously" low on fuel and a veteran highway crewman said clearing the roads was like "dipping water out of a lake."

The deaths were caused by the blizzard and accompanying snowdrifts. Two men were killed when a 20-foot deep slide tumbled down a mountain and buried a power company project in the Owens river gorge.

Couple Asphyxiated

And a man and his wife apparently were asphyxiated when they left the motor running in their car after it stalled in a snowdrift.

Authorities in Utah and Idaho said fresh snows were adding to near record snow falls and increasing the danger of spring floods.

Some canyons near Salt Lake City already contained five times as much snow as usual.

High Court Kicks Lobbyist Ruling

Washington—(U.P.)—Congress figured Wednesday a federal court may have knocked the props from under a 1946 law requiring lobbyists to register.

But there was no immediate rush to repair the damage. Members generally felt that a special three-man district court here had destroyed the effectiveness of the lobbyist control act with a decision Tuesday which held that the penalties provided for violators are unconstitutional.

However, they noted that the Justice Department has said it will appeal the adverse ruling to the Supreme Court. They felt Congress should wait and see how this comes out, before doing too much worrying.

UN Battles Russia's Germ Warfare Charge

United Nations, N.Y.—(U.P.)—The United States squared off against Russia Wednesday in the United Nations on the Communist charge that American troops have been waging germ warfare in Korea and China.

U. S. Representative Benjamin V. Cohen was expected to make a full-dress reply to the charge of Soviet delegate Jacob A. Malik when the UN's 12-nation disarmament commission meets.

Malik, parroting the propaganda of the Chinese Communist and North Korean radio outlets, made his charge last week at the first working session of the new commission set up to investigate ways and means of ending the world's armament race.

Weather

FORECAST: Decreasing snow showers and continued cool through Thursday. Low tonight 25. High Thursday 45.

Temp. Highest Yesterday 46 Lowest this Morning 31 Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today .15

Winter Keeps Grip On Rogue Valley; Snow Records Fall

Despite the fact that the World Almanac says spring is due in Medford at 8:14 a.m. tomorrow, winter was still sticking around today.

Heavy snows continued to fall in the mountains, piling up new record-breaking depths at Crater Lake, Diamond Lake and Lake O' Woods, and covering mountain highways with enough snow to make all motorists use chains.

In Medford, more than an inch fell at the weather bureau at the airport, with more at surrounding elevations. Several inches fell in Ashland.

Chains Required

State police said that chains are required for travel over the Siskiyou, the Greensprings, Sexton mountain (10 inches of new snow) and Oregon mountain passes. Twelve inches of new snow were measured at Cave Junction.

Crater Lake National park headquarters reported that an all-time record depth of 210 inches (17½ feet) of snow is on the ground at park headquarters, and presumably the depth is greater at the lake's rim.

Snow survey radio reports from Diamond Lake said that the current storm has piled up 18 inches of new snow, containing 1.4 inches of water, bringing the total snowpack to 108 inches at the resort, a new record. The temperature there this morning was 19 degrees above zero.

New Record Told

At Lake O' Woods, the total depth is now 65 inches of snow on the ground, 10 inches of it from the new storm, also an all-time record depth.

On the Siskiyou summit, the 51.4 inches of snow measured there last Saturday contained 19.9 inches of water, compared to an average for past years of 3.4 inches.

The Diamond Lake snow water-content of 38.5 inches compares to an average of 19 inches, and the Lake O' Woods water of 22.5 inches compares to the average of 9.3 inches.

UN Speeds Inoculation Of Korean Civilians

Washington—(U.P.)—The United Nations has adopted stern measures to prevent the deadly epidemic sweeping the Communist forces from hitting South Korea, it was revealed Wednesday.

UN medical teams are working at top speed to inoculate South Korean civilians and thousands of refugees against cholera, typhus, smallpox and other diseases.

So far, officials said, they have prevented serious outbreaks. The situation is far grimmer behind the Communist lines.

Secret reports reaching the Allies indicate the Chinese and North Korean Reds have been hit hard by cholera, typhus, and even the dreaded bubonic plague which killed millions during the middle ages.

Grants Pass Man Dies In Car-Truck Collision

Selma, Calif.—(U.P.)—Alvin Alfred Brown, 39, of 907 Western street, Grants Pass, Ore., was killed Tuesday when his car and an oil truck collided at an intersection about 10 miles south of here.

Highway patrolmen reported the driver of the truck, James Thacher, about 50, of Caruthers, suffered head injuries when his truck overturned after the collision.

Portland—(U.P.)—Fremont W. Merewether of Portland Wednesday was named manager of the Bureau of Land Management's office at Spokane, Wash., by Regional Administrator Roscoe E. Bell.

Steel Strike Threat Grows

White House Said Determined To Hold Price Line

Stabilization Board Remains in Session

Washington—(U.P.)—A high government official said Wednesday he is "very much afraid" there will be a nationwide steel strike.

The official, who asked that he not be named, said the government's top mobilization echelons, including the White House, are "determined" to hold the price line at all costs. That means the steel industry cannot get the price boosts it says it must have to grant a wage increase.

WSB in Session

The disclosure came as the Wage Stabilization Board promised to remain in session through the night if necessary to draft recommendations for settling the contract battle between the powerful CIO United Steelworkers and the industry.

The recommendations will not be binding on either side. Steel company officials have hinted strongly they will reject the proposals if they fail to pry from the government a much bigger price boost than the \$2, or so a ton permitted by the so-called Capehart formula.

At the same time, the union has warned that it will strike unless a "satisfactory" agreement is reached by midnight Sunday. However, it meets Thursday to consider the government's request for a third postponement of the deadline, this time until April 8.

The union wants an 18½ cents hourly wage increase and fringe benefits costing as much again for its 650,000 members in basic steel, as well as a union shop and other "non-economic" contract improvements.

It stands to win board support for at least a good part of these demands. It was disclosed Tuesday that industry members of the board have set nine cents for wages and 4.7 cents for fringe benefits as the departure point for bargaining with the public and labor delegations.

Russell Starts National Campaign

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Richard B. Russell opened his campaign headquarters Wednesday and said he thinks he has a better chance to win the Democratic presidential nomination than any Democrat now in the field.

The Georgia Democrat reiterated his belief that President Truman will not be a candidate for renomination. He said the chief executive's withdrawal from the California primary Tuesday supported that belief.

Russell opened his campaign headquarters in two suites of the Mayflower hotel with a news campaign in every sense.

The Georgian, leader of the Southern bloc in the Senate, said, however, that his acceptance of speaking engagements would be limited by his responsibilities in the Senate.

American Casualties In Korea Total 106,671

Washington—(U.P.)—The Defense Department reported Wednesday that American battle casualties in Korea through March 14 now total 106,671, an increase of 213 over last week's report.

The total represents casualties whose next of kin have been notified through March 14. Since it requires one to three weeks to notify next of kin, it does not represent all casualties through that date.

Portland—(U.P.)—Dr. Earl W. Anderson of Ohio State University Wednesday was named executive secretary and research director of the Oregon teacher education survey, sponsored by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education.

Portland—(U.P.)—The Oregon Motor association opened its 47th annual meeting here Wednesday by electing directors.

BULLETINS

Washington—(U.P.)—The Agriculture department reported Wednesday that farmers intend to plant an estimated 83,928,000 acres of corn this year. This is one per cent above last year's planted acreage, but is below the department goal of 89,000,000 acres.

Jacksonville, Fla.—(U.P.)—

Two women golfers were killed Wednesday before they knew what struck them when a flaming Navy plane glided silently out of the skies and crashed on the seventh fairway of a swanky country club course.

The victims were identified as Mrs. Brady S. Johnston, wife of a prominent Florida dairy company executive, and Mrs. William E. Dempsey, wife of a construction company vice president.

County Plans Work On Six Bridges; To Cost \$150,000

Six major bridge construction jobs, with an estimated total cost of about \$150,000, will be started in Jackson county as soon as weather permits, County Engineer Paul Rynning said today.

In the largest job, a dismantled 200-foot span of the old Bybee bridge will be set up across Big Butte creek on Cobble road about four miles from Butte Falls. The bridge will replace a wooden bridge which now crosses the creek. New approaches will be built and three-quarters of a mile of road will be changed. This work is expected to be completed this fall.

Others Planned

County workmen will also erect treated timber bridges across the middle fork of the Rogue river between Prospect and Butte Falls; across Big Butte creek above Butte Falls; across Pleasant creek three miles above Wimer, and across Antelope creek on Meridian road. Materials are already on the sites of the Pleasant creek and Antelope creek bridges. Rynning stated.

Work on a reinforced concrete bridge across Bear creek on Oak street in Ashland will be started about April 1, the county engineer stated. The bridge is to be constructed by R. E. Meade contractors, and is the only one of the six not being erected by county workers.

Numerous smaller bridge projects are also scheduled for completion during the summer, Rynning stated.

Road Conditions

Chains are required on all mountain passes in southern Oregon, state police warned motorists today. New snow ranging in depth up to more than a foot covered highways in mountainous areas.

Planners Recommend Street Opening Jobs to Councilmen

The Medford city council last night accepted a recommendation from the planning commission that Eighth street be opened for traffic between Fir and Front streets across the Southern Pacific railroad tracks. No immediate action on the matter was taken by the council.

Petitions favoring opening the street, reported to contain the names of some 200 persons, were submitted to the council at a meeting earlier this month. At that time Mayor D. L. Flynn and various council members indicated that there was no opposition to opening the street. They stated, however, that the project would be delayed until a method of financing it could be found.

May Open Others

The planning commission recommendation also included the opening of Beekman street to Stewart avenue and the extension of Winchester street from Peach to Newtown streets.

In other business brought before the council, City Superin-

Negotiators Near Final Agreement On Ports Issue

Role of Russia as Inspector Debated

Panmunjom—(U.P.)—United Nations and Communist negotiators on Korean truce ground rules were in virtual agreement Wednesday on the last of their secondary problems—ports of entry.

They were fast weeding out side issues that would leave them with only the major deadlocked question of Russia's nomination as a "neutral nation" inspector.

Proposal Brings Progress

A modified UN proposal covering the ports of entry question brought progress today in the 53 minute truce rules session.

Col. Andrew J. Kinney walked out of the tent to report "it appears that we are in agreement on the better part of the ports question."

Next door, the session on prisoners of war broke up for the day after 2 minutes. Staff officers reported "no progress" in their efforts to further clarify the opposing views. Both sides have asked questions—neither have received answers.

Compromise Made

Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckolls, spokesman for the UN truce delegation, said the Allies had compromised in the ports of entry debate by dropping their demand for inclusion of Pyongyang, the Red capital, and Seoul, the Allied-held South Korean capital.

Faced with a Communist refusal to permit neutral truce inspection teams to enter Pyongyang, the UN suggested instead that the airfields and seaport outside each capital be classed a port of entry open to inspection.

Would Give Reds Ports

This would give the Communists as approved entry ports Chinnampo, the west coast port for Pyongyang, and Pyongyang's airports; Sinju, on the Manchurian frontier at the mouth of the Yalu river; Manpojin, farther up the Yalu near the northern tip of Korea; Hamhung and its adjacent east coast port of Hungnam, and Chongjin, on the northeast coast.

The allies would get Inchon, west coast port of Seoul, and the Seoul airfields; Kunsan, farther south on the west coast; Pusan, at the southeast corner of Korea; Kangnung, farther up the east coast, and Taegu, an inland airport center.

RELEASED

Ernest Emery LaDuke, 27, Talent, was released on his own recognizance Tuesday pending sentencing on a charge of burglary not in a dwelling, according to the office of District Attorney Paul Haviland. LaDuke earlier this week pleaded guilty to the charge, which involved entry of Bryant's Key shop, 114 North Front street, on March 12.

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