

TO TRANSFER BASE

Washington — (U.P.) — Larson Air Force base at Moses Lake, Wash., will be transferred next month from the air defense command to the tactical air command, the Air Force announced Wednesday.

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Taft's Chips Down In Wisconsin Primary

By LYLE C. WILSON

Washington — (U.P.) — The returns from the Wisconsin presidential primary will be in one week from Wednesday.

If Sen. Robert A. Taft does well in Wisconsin his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination will receive a most useful boost. A reverse in Wisconsin would hurt the Taft campaign badly.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is not entered in Wisconsin. Gov. Earl Warren of California is represented by a slate of convention delegate-candidates who also are friendly to Ike. They are so friendly that the Warren vote reasonably may be interpreted a week from Wednesday as very substantially an expression of

Eisenhower sentiment, also.

Stassen Has Candidates

Harold E. Stassen also has a slate of delegate-candidates, but Tuesday night he announced he would give half of any elected to Eisenhower on the first ballot at the Republican national convention. The former Minnesota governor's move was regarded in general as a bid for support from voters favoring Eisenhower. Stassen is not likely to get any support from fringe supporters of Taft, especially now.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur has disavowed the slate of delegates entered in his behalf but without his name being on the ballot. That disavowal should be more advantageous to Taft than to other entries.

No Write-In Votes

Neither Ike nor MacArthur can be written-in on the Wisconsin ballot. Nor is there any personal popularity vote, as there was in New Hampshire and Minnesota. The Wisconsin primary is for election of convention delegates only.

Wisconsin was the state originally chosen by Taft's managers for a show of his strength. Decision to go into New Hampshire and New Jersey primaries came later. The senator lost in New Hampshire and withdrew from New Jersey.

The chips emphatically are down in Wisconsin for Taft. He is making a terrific campaign. Warren's stake also is great. If the governor fails to make a reasonably good showing, his stock as a vote-getter outside California will suffer.

Truman Not on Ballot

Delegates favorable to President Truman are entered in the Wisconsin primary although the president's name will not be on the ballot. Sen. Estes Kefauver is backing the administration there for Democratic convention votes.

Nebraska's primary falls on the same day as Wisconsin's. There it is Kefauver against the administration's Sen. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma in a popularity contest.

Write-in is okay in Nebraska. Movements are stirring to write in both Taft and Eisenhower. Stassen is formally entered in Nebraska's primary opposed by Mrs. Mary Kenny who favors MacArthur. The Nebraska primary does not pledge delegates to either convention to support any person. Wisconsin's does.

FAVORS LAKE NAME

Washington — (U.P.) — A bill to name the lake behind Chief Joseph dam in honor of Rufus Woods, late publisher of the Wenatchee Daily World and booster of Columbia Basin development, has been reported out favorably by the Senate Public Works committee.

A total of 28,446,000 pounds of honey was produced in California in 1951.



MEDFORD MAN SPEECH WINNER—Allan Henderson, standing at right, won the Area 3 speech contest of Toastmasters International, held here last week-end. Henderson, a member of the Medford Toastmasters club, is finance officer of the Camp White domiciliary center, and won the right to enter the contest through a series of preliminary speech tourneys. His talk was entitled, "We Go To School Again," and dealt with the problems of parents and small children, and how frequently parents learn as much as the children do. Other finalists in the contest, pictured above, are Dr. William Roney, Grants Pass, standing, and Harold McKellips, Ashland, seated at left, and Richard Gallagher, Klamath Falls.—Brainerd photo

Hopes To Avert Portland Transit Strike Increased

Portland — (U.P.) — A citizens committee resumed its task of working out Portland's transportation problems Wednesday as Portland Traction Company President Gordon Steele made two offers that raised hopes that an AFL bus drivers' strike set for next Tuesday, can be averted.

Steele said: 1. "If the city council approves an increase in fares prior to April 1, I pledge every effort to bring about an adjustment of the wage controversy to avert any disruption in Portland traction operations."

2. "We will make use of the federal conciliation service or any other agency that can be helpful" in bringing about a settlement.

Earlier, Harvey Thomas, business agent for the union, had asked the federal mediation service to intervene. Commissioner Bob McClelland said he would arrange a meeting between the company and the union. The federal conciliator said he would meet separately with traction company officials, and then would ask for a joint session with both disputing parties in an effort to find a common area of agreement.

May Study Problems
Meanwhile, Fulton Magill, public utilities consultant of Tacoma, may be called upon to make a study of the city's transportation problems. The city council has asked City Attorney Alexander G. Brown to contact Magill in a new effort to solve operating problems of the company.

Boy Bids Brother Goodbye, Dies Under Flaming Tractor

Dustin, Okla. — (U.P.) — A 14-year-old farm boy who kissed his younger brother goodbye, ordered him to "get away from me" then burned to death "without a whimper" beneath a blazing tractor was to get a hero's funeral Wednesday.

The story of how Richard Dale Foreman died in an accident on his family's farm near here was told Tuesday by his heartbroken, 11-year-old brother, Glendell.

The two brothers were riding on the tractor Monday when the front wheel of the vehicle swerved. The vehicle overturned and burst into flames. Glendell was thrown clear, but Richard's legs were pinned under the tractor. Glendell said he was beating on the tractor with his coat, trying to put out the fire when Richard made him stop.

"He said to kiss him goodbye, and I did," Glendell said. "Then he told me to get away. He kept telling me to get away from him... that the gasoline tank would blow up."

A motorist stopped at the ac-

AFL Teamsters Plan Annual Road Check

Chicago — (U.P.) — The AFL Teamsters said Wednesday they will hold their annual road check May 11 through May 16. Check points will be set up on highways across the nation during that period and drivers will be stopped and questioned about union members and their working conditions.

The dates were announced at an over-the-road trucking conference of the union during a meeting here.

State Agricultural Conference Thursday

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Delegates started arriving here Wednesday for the state agricultural conference which opens Thursday.

The three-day conference, the first of its kind since 1924, is expected to provide a blueprint for Oregon's agriculture in the future.

Twelve special committees, plus many subcommittees, will make reports that 450 persons have been working on for approximately a year. Recommendations of these statewide committees will be presented to the conference.

The conference will get underway at 10 a. m. Thursday in the Oregon State College Coliseum. Gov. Douglas McKay will be included among the speakers.

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