

Ridgway Said Recommended To Succeed Eisenhower As NATO Chief

'PEOPLE FAVOR SEN. KEFAUVER,' DOUGLAS SAYS IN ENDORSEMENT

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Paul H. Douglas, a "Northern liberal," has endorsed Tennessee's Sen. Estes Kefauver for the presidency and said "the people are for him."
"Some of the politicians, bureaucrats and king-makers may not like you because they know they cannot control you," the Illinois Democrat said in a message to Kefauver. "But the people are for you. Let the voice of the people be heard."
Best Available Man
Douglas made public his message to Kefauver a day after Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois announced that he would not accept the Democratic presidential nomination.
"Now that Governor Stevenson has withdrawn as a possible candidate for the presidency, I firmly believe that you are by all odds the best available can-

didate of our party," the message said.
Douglas told a news conference that he "most certainly" believes that Kefauver, as the Democratic nominee, could defeat Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, one of the chief contenders for the Republican presidential nomination.
Chance To Beat Ike
Asked if he believes the Tennessee crime-buster could beat Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, another major GOP possibility, he replied he did not know but that Kefauver would "have a very good chance."
Kefauver managers hoped Douglas' endorsement would encourage other doubtful Democrats to climb aboard the Tennessee's bandwagon. Douglas has a wide personal following among the "northern liberal" elements of the Democratic Party which had been plumping for

for Stevenson.
Douglas said he was not speaking for Illinois Democrats in endorsing Kefauver. However, he said he expects "a considerable proportion" of the Illinois delegates to the Democratic National Convention to support Kefauver.
Mr. Truman's only comment to reporters regarding Stevenson's announcement he would not accept the nomination was that "I may be able to talk to you about it" at his weekly news conference Thursday.
Truman Displeased
Persons standing near Mr. Truman and Stevenson just before the President took off from Omaha after inspecting the Midwest flood area said the governor asked Mr. Truman if he had heard about his announcement. They quoted the President as replying: "Yes, I have, and I don't like it."

Name Suggested To 13 Countries In Treaty Group

Announcement Would Await Ike's Leave

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, supreme commander of UN forces in the Far East, has been recommended to succeed Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as commander of NATO forces in Europe, the San Francisco Chronicle said Thursday.

Name Suggested
In a copyrighted dispatch from Washington, the Chronicle said Ridgway was recommended by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The dispatch said Ridgway's name was suggested to 13 other countries in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Their approval is expected soon, the Chronicle said. However, announcement of his selection will be delayed until after Eisenhower leaves Europe in June by which time it is hoped Ridgway may conclude a truce in Korea, the newspaper said.

Washington — (U.P.) — Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther said that he will be "delighted" if Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway is made chief of the North Atlantic Defense Command.

Gruenther, chief of staff to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, has himself been prominently mentioned as NATO commander when Eisenhower retires June 1. The San Francisco Chronicle said the staff chiefs want Gen. Mark Clark to succeed Ridgway and Gruenther to take over Clark's present job as chief of Army field forces. Asked about this report, Gruenther said he had not heard it.

Medford Telephone Buildings Picketed

Three Medford buildings of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company were picketed, starting at 6 a.m. today, as the labor dispute which involves two unions spread to southern Oregon.
J. H. Creager, manager of the Medford-Ashland exchange, said that pickets were posted at the company's garage at 124 South Fir street, at the main business office at Bartlett and Fifth streets, and at the new equipment building on North Central avenue.
Service is normal today, Creager said, with "about 85 per cent" of inside workers reporting for work. He said that only a skeleton force of outside construction, installation and service men is on duty, and that this type of work will be "meager."

Portland — (U.P.) — Charges of unfair labor practices against the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company were on file here

Thursday as a general strike by telephone workers spread throughout Oregon.

The charges, filed by the Independent Order of Repeater and Toll Testboardmen with the National Labor Relations Board, alleged "the company has unilaterally imposed discrimination employment conditions upon our members in retaliation for our observance of picket lines established by the Western Electric installers of the CIO Communication Workers Union in a labor dispute between that organization and the company."

Repeaters Join CWA
The action was taken after the repeaters joined the CWA members in a walkout that brought pickets to all but eight communities served by the company in Oregon. Installations at The Dalles, Pendleton, Bend, Prineville, Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass and Oswego were not picketed Wednesday.

The company said service was almost normal with all boards fully manned.
Until Tuesday, picketing in Oregon was limited to Western Electric installers, whose national union, a division of CWA, walked off the job to back up demands for new contract benefits. Operators, members of another division of CWA, have respected the Western Electric employees' picket lines and so had the repeaters.

Board Stands Pat To Fire Merlin Teacher

Grants Pass, Ore. — (U.P.) — The Josephine county school board Thursday stood pat on its decision not to offer a contract renewal to Royal Ivory, Merlin school principal.

Over the protest of parents of Merlin students, the board said it would not rehire the principal because of his lack of cooperation.

Merlin eighth-graders received publicity recently by taking a three-day trip to San Francisco.

Mercy Flights Plane Flies to Los Angeles

Boston — (U.P.) — Sen. Robert A. Taft said Thursday that President Truman's seizure of the steel industry constitutes a "valid case for impeachment."
Taft made the statement at a press conference as he opened his quest of Massachusetts' 38 delegates and the write-in popularity poll in the primary April 29.

Taft said impeachment proceedings against Mr. Truman "ought to be considered by the House" where such measures originate.
"The seizure is a valid case for impeachment but whether the House will do it or not I don't know," however, it is a valid case," he said.

The patient was Mrs. Alma Mather, mother-in-law of Fred Hawkins, 919 Whitman avenue.

Budget for Rural Schools \$1,081,652

A proposed budget of \$1,081,652.21, highest in history, for Jackson county second and third class school districts during the 1952-53 fiscal year, was announced today by the county school superintendent's office. An election to allow the districts to exceed the six per cent limitation has been scheduled for May 19.

The proposed budget exceeds the county's extremely low tax base amount by \$819,377.42, and last year's budget of \$941,006.11 by \$140,646.10. County school officials explained that much of the increase over the 1951-52 budget is caused by a general increase in teachers' salaries.
The highest previous budget in Jackson county was approximately \$1,040,000 in 1949-50 when there were six more districts in the county.

Schools Will Receive Support Fund Warrants

Salem — (U.P.) — Public schools in Oregon's 36 counties will receive \$14,870,300.07 in warrants this week as the second half of the 1951-52 apportionment of the basic school support fund, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry said Thursday.

Sums to counties include: Jackson, \$661,171.73; Josephine, \$397,931.70.

Kader Murder Indictment Upheld by Circuit Judge

Portland — (U.P.) — Circuit Judge MacCormac Snow Wednesday upheld the first-degree murder indictment of Mrs. Jada Z. Kader, 21-year-old Portland mother accused of slaying her three-year-old daughter, Sherrie.
Mrs. Kader's attorney had attacked the indictment on grounds that it was too vague.

Salem — (U.P.) — Jack A. Hayes, Oregon's civil defense director, leaves Friday for Las Vegas, Nevada, to witness atomic blast tests.

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Oil Strike Date Set

Accident Victim Dies at Hospital; Wife Badly Injured

Elderly Washington Couple on Visit Here

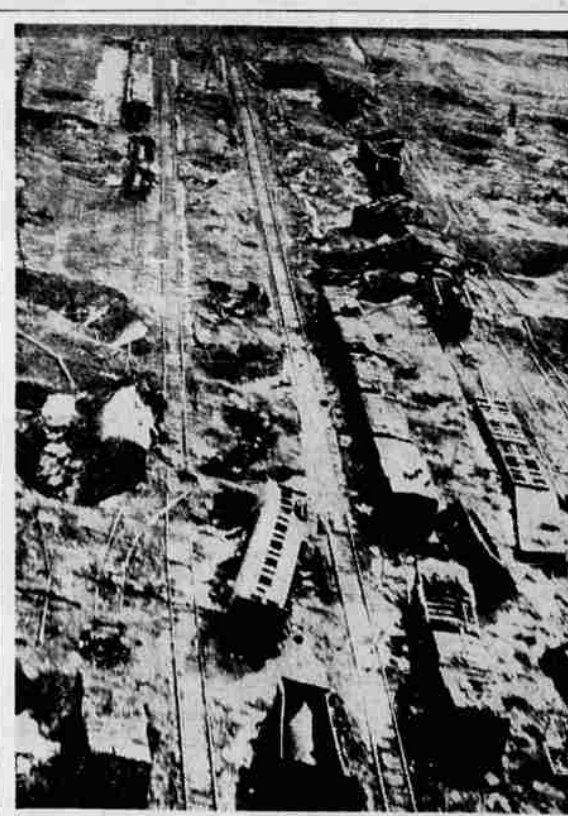
John E. Bohan, 71, Winlock, Wash., who was seriously injured in an automobile accident at Table Rock Four Corners yesterday morning, died at a hospital here at 7:15 p.m. yesterday.

His wife, Julia, 68, suffered a serious head injury, a broken collar bone, spinal injuries and many cuts and bruises, but she is expected to recover, according to Mrs. Leo V. Bartsch, Coos Bay, a daughter of the Bohans.

Mrs. Bartsch and the couple's only other child, Mrs. George A. Hash, Eugene, arrived here only a few minutes before Mr. Bohan died. Other relatives include a grandson, Charles Batman, Oregtech, Ore. Mr. and Mrs. Bohan were here visiting Mrs. Bohan's sisters, Mrs. Mary Watkins, Central Point, and Mrs. Pearl Stolle, Eagle Point.

Mr. Bohan never lived in the valley, but Mrs. Bohan was born in Central Point.

Mr. Bohan was born in San Francisco, and was a veteran of World War I, and belonged to the American Legion. Funeral arrangements with Perl funeral home in charge, are pending. Interment will be in the Central Point cemetery, where Mrs. Bohan's father and other relatives are buried, Mrs. Bartsch said.



BLASTED—While truce talks drag on, U. S. Air Force pilots have been working on the railroad, as damage to this North Korean supply train attests.

Wage Negotiations Failure Threatens National Walkout

April 30 Slated As Strike Deadline

Denver — (U.P.) — The nation's oil unions have warned that a nation-wide strike will begin on April 30 if wage negotiations in the industry fail.

Union officials, representing some 275,000 oil workers, "reluctantly" agreed to a third postponement of a threatened oil strike Wednesday night after the Wage Stabilization Board "temporarily" gave up its efforts to settle the critical wage dispute.

The strike deadline originally had been set for March 3 in support of the oil workers' demands for a 25-cent an hour general wage increase. But Federal Mediation Chief Cyrus Ching obtained a week's postponement and then President Truman asked that it be put off for an indefinite period to allow time for federal hearings.

Now the WSB has abandoned its efforts to conduct the hearings and to recommend a settlement in the wage dispute. Most of the 75 oil companies involved in the dispute refused to participate in the hearings set up by the board.

Bowed To Demands
By a 10-2 vote, with AFL members dissenting, the WSB bowed to oil company demands and voted to return the case to collective bargaining. But it maintained technical control over the dispute and asked to be kept advised of any progress.

The board said it would take some action "in a few weeks" if no settlement is reached through collective bargaining.

Probers Winning Fight For Look at Files

Washington — (U.P.) — House investigators are winning their fight to inspect confidential files of the Justice Department for evidence of possible corruption.

Informed sources reported that a House Judiciary subcommittee already has gained access to the files of six controversial cases which previously were withheld.

Subcommittee investigators probably will be able to see five other dossiers later, informants said.

Chairman Frank L. Chelf, D-Ky., said last week that the subcommittee had been denied a chance to inspect the files on 11 cases about which it was especially curious.

Owyhee River Sends Families From Homes

Ontario, Ore. — (U.P.) — Floodwaters of the snow-swollen Owyhee river threatened farm families near here Thursday after eight families were forced to evacuate their homes. One bridge was washed out and two others were closed.

The families carted household furnishings to higher land. No appreciable loss of livestock or property was reported.
The Owyhee reservoir was filled to capacity and the overflow roared through the emergency outlet of Owyhee dam to inundate farmhands downstream.

Crisis Said At Hand In Big Missouri Flood

Omaha, Neb. — (U.P.) — The mighty Missouri river hurled its weight against the soggy levees here Thursday and Army Engineers warned that a crisis was at hand and that the dikes could "disintegrate."

I. W. Tritt, liaison officer for the engineers in Council Bluffs, Ia., across the river, warned that "there may be too much optimism."

The "Big Mully" was rising steadily toward a record-breaking crest of 31½ feet expected Thursday night, and Tritt warned that the crest might endure for three days.

The crucial point was the anchor levee protecting the north edge of Council Bluffs. A break there could send water pouring into a 600-acre block residential area, already vacated by its inhabitants.

Urgent Plea Issued
Council Bluffs officials issued an urgent plea for 500 more volunteers to strengthen the levees, and asked for "250 men hourly thereafter."

The Omaha - Council Bluffs area was the most critical point in the floods along the Missouri, the Mississippi and the Red river which have driven an estimated 87,000 persons from their dwellings.

Elsewhere, the outlook was brighter. Upstream on the Missouri floodwaters receded at Sioux City, Ia., and officials said the embargo on cattle and hog shipments to the stockyards there would be lifted Saturday.

Huge Fire in Japan Levels 4500 Homes

Tottori, Japan — (U.P.) — Japan's biggest post-war fire, a wind-whipped blaze that has left at least 15,000 persons homeless, raged out of control early Thursday and threatened destruction of this entire city.

National police said 140 persons were injured and 4500 homes, destroyed in this coastal city of 60,000 residents 300 miles southwest of Tokyo.

There are no United States military installations in Tottori.

Sen. Kerr Will Speak In Portland On May 8

Portland — (U.P.) — Sen. Robert S. Kerr, Democratic presidential nomination aspirant, will speak at a luncheon here May 8. Democratic National Committeeman Monroe Sweetland said Wednesday.

The Oklahoma Democrat is not a candidate in the Oregon primary May 16.

Last-Minute 'Run' Of Blood Donors Puts Program Over

A surprising last-minute "run" of blood donors put the blood collection program "over the top" yesterday, gratified workers in the program reported this morning.

During the early part of the two-day collection it was feared that the county would fall far below its quota, which had been set at 425 pints from 500 donors. On Monday, only 250 donors had indicated their intention of giving blood.

But appeals through The Mall Tribune and over Medford's radio stations brought a "tremendous" response, bringing a total of 501 donors to the bloodmobile at the Elks temple during the drive, and netting 426 pints.

The program was the first to last for two days here, and blood collection workers said that it was particularly essential at this time to meet the goals, as supplies of blood and plasma are dwindling below military needs.

Tribute was paid to the part taken in this week's campaign by the Junior Service League, Grey Ladies, staff aides, registered nurses, nurse's aides, the motor service, Junior Red Cross and Boy scouts, and to the association of osteopathic physicians and surgeons, who turned out about 100 per cent to give blood yesterday.

Demo Candidates Will Attend Dinner

Democratic candidates for several state offices, as well as spokesmen for Gov. Adlai Stevenson and Sen. Estes Kefauver will attend the Democratic party's Roosevelt Memorial dinner at 6:30 p.m., it was reported today by Mrs. Edward C. Kelly, chairman of the Jackson County Democratic Central committee.

David C. Shaw, Gold Beach attorney who was a candidate for Congress in 1950, will be the main speaker.

The dinner will be at the Medford hotel, and reservations may be made by telephoning 2-2801, 2-5131 or 2-8400.

Daylight Time Decision Is Expected Next Week

Salem — (U.P.) — Oregonians probably won't know until next week whether or not they will set their clocks an hour ahead April 27.

Gov. Douglas McKay said Thursday he probably would decide early next week whether or not to proclaim daylight saving time for Oregon this year. He said he has received many letters both for and against fast time but wants to give the matter further study.

Plans and Boundaries Announced for Three Rural Fire Protection Districts in the County

Circulation of petitions for three proposed rural fire districts in the Central Point, Jacksonville and Medford areas is now ready to begin, according to Richard Krupp, Central Point fire chief.

Residents from each of the three areas attended a meeting last Tuesday evening at the Central Point fire hall and received the proposed boundary descriptions and petitions which have been approved by the state fire marshal's office in Salem, Krupp stated.

The next step, according to Krupp, is for each proposed district to secure signatures, or 25 per cent of the registered property owners in the area, whichever is lower. "After this is done," he continued, "the petitions will be submitted to the county clerk for legality check

and the county court will then schedule a public hearing and special election."

Since Central Point already has a rural fire department which is incorporated at \$15,000, Krupp, together with Harry Tonn, president of the Central Point Rural Fire Department, incorporated, has summarized the disadvantages of the present organization and the advantages of a tax-based district. The disadvantages are:

1. The insurance rating bureau will not give an insurance reduction which the present group has sought because there has to be an organized district before such approval can be given.
2. The present set-up is not classified as a "regular" fire department.
3. Only a relatively small number of subscribers (350) now

supports the group.

4. The size of the present corporation is just a little bit too big for the small group to direct.

Krupp said the advantages of a tax-based district would be:

1. Obtaining a 5 to 15 per cent insurance reduction based on location, equipment and the employment of permanent personnel.
2. Everyone within the district will share in the payment of a tax levy not to exceed 4 mills, unless a special election is held to sanction any excess. (Tonn pointed out that the insurance rate reduction would be more than offset a 4 mill levy.)
3. The possibility of a mutual aid working agreement among the three districts to assist each other, either actively or on standby, during a fire, which would unify and strengthen each district's protection.

The two fire officials pointed out that in lieu of the present

More-Inclusive Fire District Sought by Rural Committee

A committee of residents living in the country around Medford, who feel that the proposed Medford Rural Fire district should be larger and more inclusive, have called a meeting to discuss the matter next Tuesday.

The meeting will be held at the Jackson school at 7:30 p.m., according to Mrs. W. M. Neal, 2104 Roberts road, a committee member.

Mrs. Neal said many residents feel that areas in which they live, all located within a 4½-mile radius of Medford district is well advanced, they are now concentrating on methods which

Central Point district, if the voters sanction the new district,

the present organization's investments would either be sold to the new district or Central Point and the money would be pro rated at the present cash value to the original contributors. The district owns a 750-gallon pumper and a 1,000-gallon tank truck.

The boundary descriptions approved by the state fire marshal for the three proposed districts include everything within their boundaries except property within incorporated cities, railroad property and state forest stations. They are:
Central Point: On the north, all of lower Table Rock east through upper Table Rock and across Rogue river; on the east, south to the Crater lake highway, east to Foothill road, south to Coker Butte road; on the south, west to Schulz road and

then west to Arnold lane, then north, crossing the Medford-Jacksonville highway to Ross lane.

Jacksonville: On the east, the same as Medford's west boundary; on the north, west on Ross lane several miles beyond the Old Stage road; on the west, south to the section line paralleling and north of Poorman creek road; on the south, east on the section line, then south and east to the Poorman-Griffin creek road intersection.

Citizens desiring to circulate petitions are urged to contact any of the following: For Central Point, Krupp at his service station on Highway 99 or Tonn at the Grange Supply Co-op store; for Jacksonville, H. L. Markwith; and for Medford, Oscar Chinn, 1827 North Riverside avenue.

Weather

FORECAST: Variable cloudiness with mild temperatures through Friday. Low tonight 46. High Friday 75-75. Temp. Highest Yesterday 54. Lowest this Morning 34.