

Matter of Fact

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THE BEAT-EISENHOWER PLAN

Washington—While Senator Taft is straining to beat General Eisenhower at the Republican convention in July, President Truman is blocking out his plan for defeating the General in the election in November. This is the real meaning of the otherwise amazing Presidential gyrations of recent weeks.

The President's idea of his own role in his party is that of a pilot who charts the ship's future course before he leaves the bridge. Until fairly recently, the course he was charting was laid out in the belief that Senator Taft would be the Republican nominee.

With Taft as the Republican standard-bearer, the President rightly anticipated that foreign policy would be the main issue of the campaign. Being firmly convinced that national survival depends on the continuity of American foreign policy, Truman tackled his problem with the sobriety he reserves for the weightiest issues. The result was a beat-Taft plan based on unifying the Democratic Party, and attracting the maximum number of moderate independents

and anti-isolationist Republicans to the Democratic standard. Both the great factions among the Democrats were to be conciliated by the nomination of Governor Stevenson of Illinois for the Presidency and Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia for the Vice Presidency. Civil rights and other controversial domestic issues were to be subordinated. Persons of every sort of view on internal policy were to be rallied by the battle cry, "Save freedom in the world."

When Senator Taft seemed the probable Republican nominee, Governor Stevenson was inclined to take the Democratic nomination. He changed his mind about it after New Hampshire and Minnesota. President Truman took a bit longer to decide that his plan for beating Taft might well be out of date. But there is no doubt at all that beating General Eisenhower is the problem he is seeking to solve at present.

The beat-Eisenhower plan is almost the exact opposite, both in mood and content, of the beat-Taft plan. With General Eisenhower as the Republican nominee, the President does not expect foreign policy to be a dominant issue. By all the signs, moreover, he feels a strong sense of release because foreign policy will be out of the way, and the coming campaign will thus not be such a solemn, life-and-death business.

At any rate, the beat-Eisenhower plan casts party unity to the winds. The President inclines to think that nothing can prevent the General from making inroads in the South. Hence, anticipated losses in the South are partly to be balanced by the strongest kind of line on civil rights, which is to attract a solid Negro vote to the Democrats in the North.

By the same token, the President suspects moderate, middle-class voters may be hard to detach from Eisenhower. Hence, losses in this sector are to be compensated for by every sort of special interest in lower-income groups. General Eisenhower is meanwhile to be portrayed as the unwitting tool of the sinister barons of big business, right perhaps in his instinct, but the prisoner of those who would oppress the farmer, enchain the laboring man and grind the faces of the down-trodden.

The broad outlines of this Truman strategy were clearly revealed in his speech to the convention of the Americans for Democratic Action. As one of them remarked, Truman pleased the A.D.A. members so much that they went away convinced "Harry Vaughan wasn't really very different from Harry Hopkins." The extent of the President's commitment to his beat-



LIKE CORDWOOD—These freight cars, piled one on top of the other, are part of 30 cars of a 60-car Monon freight train that were derailed at Lowell, Ind. Alcohol in six cars burst into flame and threatened the entire business section before being brought under control. No one was injured in the accident.

Part of Official Count of Ballots Now Completed

A portion of the canvass of ballots cast in Jackson county in the May 16 primary election was completed by county clerk's deputies last week. It was reported Saturday. About half of the positions on the long Republican ballot have been tabulated.

It will probably be a week or more before the rest of the Republican ballot, and the Democratic votes, can be canvassed and the official totals published. The official count so far bears out remarkably closely the unofficial count conducted immediately after the election by The Mail Tribune. In addition it shows some write-in votes which could not be shown by the rapid newspaper count.

Taft Gets Write-Ins

There were 412 write-in votes for Robert A. Taft for president, giving him more than Wayne Morse (262), Harold Stassen (142) or Louis Schneider (10). Other presidential totals were Dwight D. Eisenhower, 9,167; Douglas MacArthur, 723, and Earl Warren, 1,209. Warren received 887 write-in votes for vice-president, MacArthur received 49; Taft 27; Morse 114, Eisenhower 13 and Stassen 76. Other write-in votes for vice-president included H. S. Deuel, J. O. Johnson, Diamond L. Flynn, Ray Garland, Joe Naumes, Robert W. Ruhl, Frank Miller, Joe Glen, Harry Pinkerton, Joe Champion, Duff (no first name given), James Allen and B. Lodge.

The official tally in the GOP nomination contest for Congress for the fourth district gave Mrs. Barbara Draper 2,249 votes and Congressman Harris Ellsworth 8,801.

Talent Lions Stage Father, Son Banquet

Talent — The Talent school cafeteria was the scene of the Lions and Lady Lions annual father and son ham dinner Friday with a large attendance. Responsible for preparation of the dinner was the Talent Lady Lions club, cooperating with Wayne Riechstein, retiring Lions president.

Among those attending were Eddie Joanis, president-elect; M. K. Christian, retiring secretary; and R. B. Parr, superintendent of Talent school district.

Eisenhower plan is also revealed by a truly astonishing but hitherto secret fact.

As previously reported in this space, President Truman's original choice for Democratic key-note was Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, the author of the 1948 Civil Rights plank and the man the Southerners hate most. It can now be reported further that the President never receded from his first choice. In fact, Truman's pleas for Humphrey were simply ignored by Democratic Chairman Frank McKinney and the members of the Party Executive Committee when they met in Chicago and handed the key-note's assignment to Governor Dever of Massachusetts.

This is only one of the storm signals already produced by the President's scheme to defeat General Eisenhower by splitting his own party and rallying the Left. There are likely to be many more storm signals in the future, followed by a major typhoon at the Democratic Convention, if General Eisenhower is the Republican choice. Meanwhile, however—and this should irritate the Republicans—Truman none the less retains his power of maneuver. If Senator Taft is nominated by the Republicans, the strategy can be altered overnight. Judging by the groans of the leading Democrats as they contemplate their present prospects, all factions of the party will then co-operate with relief and delight in the beat-Taft plan, which will unite them all.

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Junior High School Has Annual Award Assembly Friday

The annual award assembly at the Medford junior high school was held Friday. Among the awards presented were the following:

Daughters of American Revolution history plaque, presented to students obtaining highest grades in competitive tests in American history, Diana Getchell, first, and Margaret Selby and Robert Thomas.

American Legion Poppy Postery contest, Carl Gordon, Susan Gustison and Mary Lou Beaton. Scholarship pins, Carolyn Eby, seventh grade; Nancy McKeown and Carol Denman, eighth grade, and Kathleen Guiley, ninth grade.

Poetry awards (certificates of acceptance from the National High School Poetry association), Nancy Hamilton (special mention), Marilyn Heady, Darlene Kroening, Dorothy McGraw, Tom Malot, Dorothy Rhymes, Doris Ryn, Naida Smith, Therese Stewart, Leah Watson, Mary Todd and Dolores White. Quill Pins

Junior Quill pins, Barbara Roach, Shirley Tisdell, Janet Perry, Ramona Baugh, Viola Russell, Deana Cuthbertson and Pat Rector.

Future Homemakers of America degrees, Betty Lyons, Melissa Jennings, Joan Strowbridge, Betty Naylor, Carolyn Meyers, Barbara Roach, June Couey, Nancy Greaves, Elaine Sorum and Jean Coppedge.

Danforth foundation leadership awards, Marion Conrall and Stanley Culy.

Student body officers were installed by Sally Walker, who also extended a welcome to sixth grade students who will enter junior high this fall.

Other awards for band, orchestra, track and activity letters were also presented at the assembly.

Three Plead Guilty On Larceny Charges

Three young men entered guilty pleas on district attorney's information in circuit court Friday to charges of larceny from an auto. Their cases were continued for sentencing, the district attorney's office reported.

They are Douglas Eugene Brown, 25, Bemedji, Minn., and Jerault Eugene Dailey, 16, and Layrence William Brownell, 19, both Bremerton, Wash. All are held in the county jail. The district attorney's office said that the larcenies involved were thefts of photographic material from a car at the Y club and of suit and brief cases from an auto at the Red Barn. The three waived grand jury indictment.

HE CAN CRY NOW

Houston, Tex. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Arthur D. Alsbrook was a little different from most mothers. She wanted her baby to cry. He couldn't until doctors operated on the tear ducts of six-month-old Danny Alsbrook. Now, when he cries tears roll down his cheeks just like any other child's.

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Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m. for following day, 10 a.m. Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

Ashland Boy Elected SOC 'Frosh' President

Ashland — Floyd O. Nelson, Medford, will be succeeded as president of the freshman class at Southern Oregon college next year by Arthur N. Ostrander, Ashland. The frosh chose new officers at elections held Friday.

Other officers named to direct class activity during their sophomore year were Ronald J. Maurer, Cave Junction, vice-president; Mary Lee Ford, North Bend, secretary, and Janice M. Wadley, Ashland, treasurer.

Other candidates for the presidency were Morris Jiminez, Klamath Falls; Merle G. Atkinson, Roseburg; and Raymond L. Smith, Medford. In the race for vice-president were Stanley M. Purcell, Medford, and Charles M. Bettman, Ashland.

Nominees for secretary included Joy A. Moline, Coos Bay; Dorothea M. Coe, Ashland, and Marilyn J. Barker, Medford. Homer Waters, Yoncalla, was the only other candidate for treasurer.

Two High Schools To Aid Dedication

Camp White — Medford and Eagle Point high schools will participate in the exercises at the dedication of the new cemetery at 2 p.m. on Memorial day. It was announced today by Recreation Director Franklin Girard, master of ceremonies for the event.

De Vere Taylor, instructor in public speaking at Medford senior high school will deliver the address, while the Eagle Point high school band will provide the music. Taylor is a World War II veteran.

The new cemetery is on the county road leading east from Eagle Point, and is about two miles from the domiciliary.

Ostriches — largest and most powerful of the flightless birds — have been kept in enclosures and "farmed" since 1857.

District Improvement Firm Files Articles

Articles of incorporation for the Indian Creek District Improvement company have been filed with county clerk, it was reported Saturday.

The firm has been formed for the improvement of 600 acres of land for agricultural purposes. Signing the articles were William B. and Myrtle Walch, Bob L. and Clara Walch and Victor and Harriett Gardner. Their addresses were listed as Eagle Point. The men are directors of the corporation.

Purposes of the incorporation included construction of reservoirs, dams, flumes, ditches, pipelines, canals and other facilities for appropriating the waters of Indian creek and its tributaries for irrigation, stock and domestic use.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at noon Saturdays.

PRISONER WON'T SING

Jackson, Miss. — (U.P.) — Sheriff Carroll Robinson boasted he could make any "canary sing" until a friend presented him with a feathered variety. The bird, Merry Boy, has refused to give out a note despite the law officer's coaxing.

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