

Brilliant Nevada Atomic Flash Seen 735 Miles Away Nuclear Explosion Seen in Montana

Las Vegas, Nev. — (U.P.) — Atomic scientists exploded a nuclear device at 5:45 a. m. CST Thursday atop a 300-foot steel tower on the Yucca Flat proving ground 75 miles northeast of here.

The flash was reported seen near the Canadian border in Montana. The blast gave off only a short flash that appeared less than half as large as its base as one last Sunday that was seen for 450 miles.

Seen in Kalispell But the glare of the exploding atom was reported seen in Kalispell, Mont., about 735 miles northeast of here.

It was not seen, however, at a vantage point about 350 miles from the test site near Williams, Ariz., where observers have seen each of the previous pre-dawn blasts in the Southern Nevada desert.

This was probably due to atmospheric conditions.

Desert Sky Lighted The explosion was neither felt nor heard here, but it was very bright and lighted the desert sky like the sunrise.

Less than a half hour after the test, the Atomic Energy Commission confirmed that it had been held and that it was a tower "shot." During the current series of tests here, the AEC has fired four tower "shots" and dropped four atomic devices from high-flying bombers.

Thursday's test was the 20th on the Nevada desert and the 21st in the continental United States.

The AEC also announced that troops did not take part in the test, but that 751 mice were used for experimental purposes.

59th High School Graduation Tonight

Medford senior high school will hold the 59th annual commencement tonight at 8 o'clock in the football stadium. Dr. Victor P. Morris, dean of business administration at the University of Oregon, will give the address. Dr. Morris was also the speaker at the first graduation ceremonies held in the present building in 1932.

A total of 208 students will be graduated tonight. The class is slightly smaller than last year. Mrs. Stephen G. Nye, school board chairman, will present the diplomas.

The school has announced that the middle section of the stand is reserved for families of the graduates, who have been issued tickets. Sections A and C, however, are open to the general public and anyone interested may attend.

U. S. Protests Russ Blockade of Village

Berlin — (U.P.) — The United States protested to the Soviets Thursday against the Russian blockade of an American district in East Berlin and West Berlin police toughened their security measures after an outbreak of Communist shootings and kidnappings.

Cecil B. Lyon, director of the U. S. high commission, went to Soviet headquarters to deliver the protest against the blockade of Steinstuecken, a community of 160 persons, which has been cut off from West Berlin food and other supplies since Sunday.

Taft Appears To Be Winner In Close South Dakota Vote

Pierre, S. D. — (U.P.) — Sen. Robert A. Taft was the apparent winner, by a hairline margin, over Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in South Dakota's presidential primary.

When precincts had still not reported the results of Tuesday's balloting, but election officials estimated Thursday there were only 285 votes unrecorded.

Refuses To Concede An Eisenhower backer said it "appears at this time" that Taft had won the primary, the closest of the year, but he refused to concede victory.

With 1,937 of 1,953 precincts reporting, Taft had 64,485 votes to Eisenhower's 63,658—a margin of 827.

Results in the counties containing the unreported precincts

BULLETINS

Washington — (U.P.) — Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall decontrolled prices of white potatoes Thursday.

Arnall said that it would be "virtually impossible" to enforce ceiling prices on white potatoes during the current shortage.

Montreal — (U.P.) — The 19,200-ton Cunard liner Scythia collided with the coal freighter Wabana near the mouth of the St. Lawrence river Thursday and all ships in the area were alerted to speed to their aid.

Washington — (U.P.) — The House gave final approval Thursday to a compromise \$6,447,730,750 foreign aid bill, nearly \$1,500,000,000 less than President Truman requested.

College Boy Drowns In Emigrant Lake During Swim Party

Ashland — (U.P.) — Richard Lee Wilcox, 19, a nephew of Mrs. Wilma Bullen, route 1, box 470, Ashland, drowned in Emigrant lake yesterday afternoon, according to state police.

The youth, a student at Reed college in Portland, was at the lake with the Arthur M. Hamilton family, route 1 box 459, police said, and William Allen Self, Box 464, Ashland, also was a member of the party.

Details of the mishap which led to the boy's death were not reported clearly to police, but other reports said he had been swimming and at about 2:45 p. m. he was seen to be in trouble. Rescue attempts failed. His body was recovered from 15 or 20 feet of water about 40 feet off shore about 1 1/2 hours later, police reported. Wilcox reportedly was an experienced swimmer.

Relatives Notified Officers said that Mrs. Bullen and young Wilcox's brother, Jack, were notified of the death yesterday afternoon.

The police office also reported that an officer is today again in the Casey state park area of the Rogue river, searching for any trace of the body of Gary Larson, 8, who has been missing and presumed drowned since he fell in the river while fishing last Sunday.

The boy's father, Einer Larson, 1011 West 11th street, told police that he is arranging to have a diving apparatus brought here to make an underwater search for the boy's body.

Steel Officials, Union Start Talks Washington — (U.P.) — Six major steel company presidents and top officials of the CIO Steelworkers held their first bargaining talks Thursday since the start of the nationwide steel strike.

Neither side would comment on the chances of reaching a settlement. They met in the office of John R. Steelman, presidential assistant and acting defense mobilizer in response to a summons from Steelman.

President Truman, at whose instructions the session was called, said he is not planning now to ask Congress for additional legislative authority to deal with strikes in vital industries.

Albany, Ore. — (U.P.) — The United Presbyterian church general assembly adopted a recommendation here Wednesday to continue membership in the National Council of Churches of Christ and the World Council.

Judge Refuses Plea To Withdraw Charges Boston — (U.P.) — Mrs. Winifred Buettner tried to withdraw an assault charge against her husband, who had knocked her unconscious with a chair, but Municipal Judge Jacob Lewitow refused her plea.

"Hitting women on the head with a chair is not my idea of good community policy even if the wife does like it," he said in giving Buettner a one-month suspended sentence Wednesday.

They believed results had not been received because of heavy rains which turned back country roads into impassable gumbo.

In three of the 16 precincts the ballots were sealed with the poll books and will not be available until the official county canvasses of votes begin Saturday.

Winner Takes All The South Dakota contest was a winner-take-all affair in which the voters pick an entire slate of delegates, rather than individual delegates, thus handing the victor all 14 convention votes.

The election was the last test of popular strength between the two presidential hopefuls before the GOP Convention July 7, and a record 128,000 Republican votes were cast.

'DON'T HURT ME' PLEA EXPECTED BY KEFAUVER

Democrats Predict Tennessean Will Submit Request

Political Pow-Wow Holds Spotlight

Washington — (U.P.) — Informed Democratic circles predicted that Sen. Estes Kefauver would approach President Truman Thursday with an "if-you-won't-help-me-don't-hurt-me" plea.

The Tennessee Democrat's White House visit came amid reports that administration forces are considering what to do in case they are forced to side with either Kefauver or Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., at the party's presidential nominating convention in Chicago next month.

The Truman-Kefauver political pow-wow held the spotlight in Democratic circles as Republican eyes turned again toward Abilene, Kan., where Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower scheduled his first frankly-political news conference.

The retired officer delivered his first campaign speech for the GOP nomination before a hometown audience in Abilene Wednesday night, promising to fight inflation, "excessive" taxation, bureaucratic waste, and corruption in government.

Response Divided The response among Republican congressmen here was sharply divided: Pro-Eisenhower Republicans thought it was a "magnificent" address; supporters of Sen. Robert A. Taft found it a collection of glittering generalities and demanded that the general "get down to brass tacks."

Kefauver had two fresh victories under his belt—in the California and South Dakota Democratic primaries Tuesday. California's 68 convention votes, plus South Dakota's eight, ran his delegate score up to 251 in the United Press tabulation.

The first flight of the survey was to have been made today, but was postponed because the airplane was not available, they said. Ashland District Ranger Harold Thomas will conduct the survey in a plane rented from Medford Air Service.

From the air, Thomas will spot, and mark on a map, timber recently killed by fire beetle, according to M. L. Tedrow of the forest service. The timber can be spotted from the air by means of a red coloration of the needles, he said.

After it is mapped, ground crews will be sent in to determine if control measures should be taken. In addition to cleaning up the beetle-killed timber, fire-killed and blown down timber, prime breeding sources for the beetles, will be salvaged early this year, Tedrow said.

American Troops Split Koje Compound Koje Island, Korea — (U.P.) — American troops split a prison compound in two with barbed wire Thursday while 3,000 Communist prisoners shouted defiance and waved North Korean flags.

The imprisoned North Korean civilians had watched silently as 400 gas-masked troops with fixed bayonets and shovels entered the Compound 607 behind three tanks.

But the Reds' arrogance returned as the GI's strung barbed wire down the middle of the enclosure. They sang, roared Red cheers, waved flags, gave the Communist salute and chanted: "We will win!"

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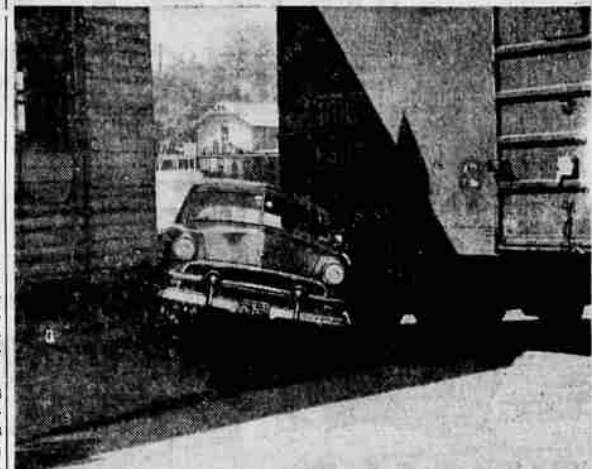
Weather FORECAST: Afternoon and evening thunderstorms in higher mountains, otherwise fair and warm through Friday. Low tonight 55. High Friday 99. Temp. Highest Yesterday 52. Lowest this Morning 37.

81-Year-Old Man Gets Degree in Philosophy New York — (U.P.) — Thirty-eight years ago, John J. Lenny began working toward a Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Lenny, of Miami, Fla., will receive his doctorate Thursday from Columbia university, he is 81.

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TIGHT SQUEEZE — Pictured above, wedged between a box car and a cement building, is a car owned by Robert Purkey, Eugene, which was caught when the box car got away from a switch engine yesterday morning. A railroad crew released the car by using heavy-duty jacks to lift the box car, which blocked traffic on Fourth street for about an hour. (Brainerd Photo)

City's Budget Group Gives Tentative OK To 1952-53 Expenses

The city council and the citizens' budget committee virtually completed their work on the 1952-53 Medford city budget last night, and gave it their tentative approval. A public hearing on the budget will be held July 8.

The committee approved the budget only in detail, and compilation of totals was under way today by City Recorder Ralph Woodford. He said the general fund levy will be under the constitutional limitation of 6 percent on increases.

General Fund \$359,039 The general fund will amount to some \$359,031, Woodford said. Of that amount \$385,855 will be provided through cash on hand and receipts during the year, leaving a total of \$173,176 to be raised through taxes.

The over-all budget, including the general fund and special tax levies for bond retirement and interest, the city library, the city swimming pool and the fire department, will total \$857,246, Woodford said. Deducting cash and receipts, the over-all total to be raised by taxes is \$471,383.

Millage Down Woodford said this morning that on the basis of estimated assessed valuation, the actual tax load on city taxpayers will probably decrease somewhat — perhaps 1 1/2 mills from last year. This is due to a decrease in the sum set aside for retirement of bonds, and to increases in assessed valuation, he said.

A. R. Manno was chairman of the budget committee for the second year. The group is composed of the eight members of the city council, and a like number of citizens appointed by the mayor. They began consideration of the budget in detail last week.

Changes Made A number of changes were made last night in the budget as proposed to the committee by Woodford. The salaries of Woodford and of City Treasurer Dorell Huson will be kept the same, \$4,500, until the end of their terms on Dec. 31, 1952, rather than going up July 1, the committee voted. The proposed increase is to \$4,800.

Other minor changes were made, as were several recommendations to the city council. Among the latter was a proposal that the building permit setup be changed to provide for dual permits, one portion issued before construction work starts, the other upon completion of construction. Members explained they feel that frequently permits are taken out for less than the actual cost of construction, and that the new system would eliminate this abuse.

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Truman Denounces Reports of Plot To Get Nomination

Rumor Said Product Of Warped Minds

Washington — (U.P.) — President Truman Thursday denounced as the product of warped minds a report that he is secretly plotting to capture the Democratic presidential nomination for himself.

The president told his weekly news conference that he would attend the Democratic National Convention, but only as the retiring President and only after a new presidential nominee has been selected.

Wanted Occupy White House Furthermore, the president said that the 1952 Democratic nominee would not be the present occupant of the White House. He emphasized that the reporters could be sure of that.

A reporter told Mr. Truman that there had been several "charges" from Republicans recently that the president is secretly plotting to get the nomination.

This sort of thing, the president said, came from warped minds and represented what these people would do if they were in his position.

Un-American Plot Charged Rep. Daniel A. Reed, R-N.Y., charged in a statement put in the congressional record last Saturday that Mr. Truman was taking part in a "sinister and un-American" plot to get the nomination.

Reed said the president's March 29 announcement that he would not run again was merely a ruse to divert campaign criticism of administration scandals. At the last moment, with no other candidate for the Democratic nomination possessing a clear majority, Mr. Truman would step in and accept a draft, Reed predicted.

Up to People To Decide As for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's statement Wednesday that one party has been in power too long, the president said that is up to the people to decide.

He declined to discuss further the Eisenhower speech on the grounds that he is not running the Republican pre-convention contest.

'Hoppers Destroy Barley Acreage

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Millions of grasshoppers have destroyed an estimated 500 acres of barley southwest of Tulelake, Calif., and specialists Thursday increased efforts to stamp out the insects.

The battle of man against the grasshoppers centered along the edge of the Lava Beds National monument, where the famous Indian chief, Capt. Jack, made his last stand against federal troops.

Planes have been in the air over the area dropping poisoned bait, but rough flying weather has impeded their operations.

Rollers and ground rigs have killed millions of insects which threaten 25,000 acres of grain.

A plant to mix the poison and bran was set up at Newell, Calif., and federal prisoners from Newell prison were assigned to work at the poison plant.

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Ike Indicates Appointment of Gen. MacArthur

Spending, Excessive Taxes Criticized in First Talk

Abilene, Kan. — (U.P.) — Dwight D. Eisenhower pitched his presidential campaign Thursday on a "liberty versus Socialism" platform adopted by the Republican Party two years ago.

In his first news conference as a civilian and outright candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, the retired general said he is in "general accord" with that statement of principles.

He referred to a sort of mid-term platform approved by Republican members of Congress and the GOP national committee at their Lincoln Day observance Feb. 6, 1950 as their stand in that year's congressional elections.

Eisenhower said he assumed the Republican platform this year, on which he would run if nominated at the Chicago convention, would conform to the principles laid down in that document.

The 1950 declaration contained ringing criticisms of the Democrats' administrations since 1932, on both domestic and foreign affairs, and concluded that the real difference between the two parties is one of "liberty versus Socialism."

Abilene, Kan. — (U.P.) — Dwight D. Eisenhower indicated Thursday that he probably would reappoint Gen. Douglas MacArthur to a high post if Eisenhower is nominated and then elected to the presidency.

Eisenhower told the first political news conference of his career that he had "tremendous respect" for MacArthur's intellectual and military ability.

"There is nothing that I would allow to bar me from seeking access to the finest brains," Eisenhower said.

If a man of his (MacArthur's) expert knowledge on the Far East were available, I would seek him out."

No Solution for Korean War Eisenhower also said he has no prescription for bringing the Korean war to a successful end but that the ideological situation there makes retreat from present United Nations lines impractical.

"I do not believe our forces in Korea can carry through," Eisenhower said when asked how the Korean war could be ended successfully.

Peace and security, Eisenhower said in reply to a query on his idea of the "paramount issue" of the campaign, stands foremost before the people today.

Eisenhower launched his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination Wednesday with a nationally-televised homecoming speech in which he criticized deficit spending, excessive taxation and said the Democrats have been too long in power.

Wants To Review Political Background He said he wanted to review his political background Thursday in anticipation of questions along that line. He called attention to the statement of political principles and objectives laid down by the Republican leadership on Feb. 6, 1950, "I am in general accord with that statement of political philosophy," Eisenhower said. "Certainly specific details are a little different from what I would say, however."

Eisenhower said, "I have never voted any Democratic ticket." That brought applause from a large group of Eisenhower-for-President folk who also attended the news conference.

Eisenhower declined to talk about Sen. Robert A. Taft on grounds that he is not going into personalities. He said he would support Taft if the Ohioan wins the nomination.

No Idea on Nomination Chances Asked about his own chances to win the nomination in Chicago next month, Eisenhower said: "I haven't the slightest idea."

Eisenhower was asked if he would support the FEPC. "That is a shotgun question," he said. "But I have no objection to stating that fairness and equality should be pursued with every power in command of the federal government."

He said in declining to fix the blame for the loss of China to Communism that he was not going to indulge in personalities, "but I do know that the party in power at the time has to take its share of the blame."

He called the loss of China a "major international disaster." Eisenhower sidestepped whether or not he would support Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.) for reelection, and then spoke briefly on the issue of Communism in the government.

Feels Communism Can Be Uprooted "No one has wished more than I that Communism be uprooted. But I feel it can be done under existing agencies and laws and without besmirching the good name of persons who are unable to defend themselves against attack."

He felt that since the U. S. Supreme Court now has ruled against the steel seizure, that ruling should stand.

Eisenhower said that although he technically is a general, "I would be delighted if you would call me Mr. Eisenhower."

In closing minutes Eisenhower was asked a series of questions about federal aid to education, farm price supports, soil conservation, reciprocal trade agreement and inflation.

He was asked if he had any specific policy in mind to meet the problem of inflation.

Confidence in Law of Supply, Demand "I have far more confidence in the law of supply and demand than I have in any direct controls," he said.

Asked if he had any plans to alter the leadership of the Eisenhower-for-President organization, he said: "I have never proposed any coalition, I will make no deals in a situation of this kind. . . . I have had no part in any movement involving my name. I have kept out of it."

"I have the greatest faith in the honor and integrity of the kind of people who have been putting my name forward in the various states."

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Dallas, Ore. — (U.P.) — J. R. Allgood, 68, Dallas businessman and city councilman for the past 33 years, died at his home here Wednesday after suffering a attack.

Portland — (U.P.) — Trial of Jada Z. Kader, 21-year-old mother accused of murdering her young daughter Sherrie, will open Monday in the circuit court of Judge Frank J. Lonergan.