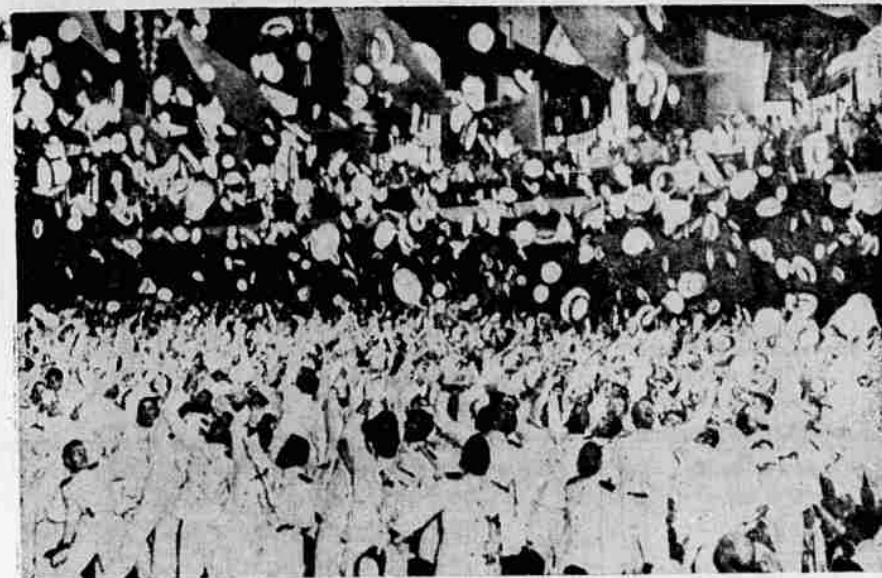




FUTURE ADMIRALS—Midshipmen, following tradition, toss their caps at the conclusion of graduation exercises in Dahlgren Hall at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

FEPC 'Hot Potato' In Taft, Eisenhower Nomination Battle

By LYLE C. WILSON

Washington — (U.P.) — Civil rights is the issue which the major parties most often are accused of playing politics at the expense of human dignity.

The hottest civil rights potato is a compulsory Fair Employment Practices Commission program which has large appeal to Negro and some other racial groups throughout the nation. Compulsory FEPC is cursed by white Southerners.

Wants Ike on Record
It is one of the issues about which Sen. Robert A. Taft has been most eager to get Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower on the record.

"If he takes a position against it," Taft recently said, referring to Eisenhower, "he loses votes in the North. If he comes out for it, which is the position of most of his supporters, he loses Southern support and has a chance to carry the South."

This significant observation was Taft's recognition of Eisenhower's great potential strength in the South. The general might carry several Southern states as a Republican presidential candidate. Taft's Southern prospects generally are counted less bright.

Eisenhower's Stand
Four weeks from now the Republican National Convention will meet to choose first between Taft and Eisenhower for president. Both are now on record on FEPC under similar circumstances. Eisenhower put it this way when asked about

FEPC in his Abilene news conference:

"The FEPC: When you use those initials you are proposing as I see it, a sort of shotgun question, because there are many things involved in it. I have no objection to stating my unchangeable, my unalterable support of fairness and equality among all types of American citizens."

"But I believe that insofar as the federal government has any influence or any constitutional authority in this field, all of its policies should adhere firmly, and without any kind of equivocation or evasion to that principle."

Laws Not Answer
"I do not believe we can cure all the evils in men's hearts by law and when you get to compulsory action in certain specific phases of this thing I really believe we can do more by leadership in getting states to do it than to make it a federal compulsory thing."

"And this I say with the utmost sympathy for anyone who feels himself to be a member of a group that has been depressed or unfairly treated. And I'll say this: So far as my own personal influence can extend in this country, I shall never cease to fight for it. I believe thoroughly in the things I have said."

The Department of Commerce reports that retail drug store sales for 1951 reached a total of \$4,478,000,000.

Critical Condition Doesn't Tell Story

Bismarck, N. D. — (U.P.) — A hospital here got a call from a man who wanted to learn the condition of a patient.

"He's in critical condition," the attendant said.

"But aside from that, he's all right, isn't he?" the caller asked.

US Supreme Court Agrees to Study School Segregation

Washington — (U.P.) — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide whether states may require separate schools for white and Negro children.

The high bench accepted for review at its next term two cases challenging the segregated school systems in Topeka, Kan., and Clarendon county, S.C.

The issue, a hot one in the South, is not likely to be decided before the November elections because arguments will not be heard until mid-October.

Gov. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina, a former Supreme Court justice has said his state may do away with its public school system altogether if Negro parents win their fight to outlaw segregation.

Both of Monday's cases were started by Negro parent groups supported by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. They contend that segregation is a badge of inequality and denies their children the "equal protection of the laws" guaranteed in the constitution.

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West Salem Blast Believed Caused By Leaking Gas

Salem — (U.P.) — One man was injured when a terrific explosion in West Salem demolished a barbershop and heavy saw outfit in a building along the busy main street through West Salem Monday.

Capt. Clyde Buckholtz of the Salem fire department said the injured man apparently lit a cigarette which touched off leaking gas. He was treated by Salem city first aid men.

Four Stores Damaged
The explosion blew out 150 feet of the building and heavily damaged machinery and equipment inside. The force of the blast damaged four stores across the street, Capt. Buckholtz said.

The injured man was Roland Tangeman, 52, Independence, who was taken to Salem Memorial hospital with a broken nose and a possible broken back.

Situation In Hand
Capt. Buckholtz said the gas was not immediately turned off, as it was safer to have it burning under control, than to shut off the source and let it accumulate. He said firemen had the situation in hand and traffic again was going through on the route which is a section of the Salem-Dallas route.

ROUND-UP TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the 10th annual Rogue River roundup June 14 and 15 went on sale Monday at the Central Rexall Drug store, East Main street and Central avenue, and at the Big-Y market, according to Stan Morgan of the Jackson County Mounted Sheriff's posse. There are both reserved seats and general admissions.

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The Board of Directors of Equity Fund, Incorporated, has declared a quarterly dividend of 6¢ a share from net investment income, payable June 30, 1952, to shareholders of record June 13, 1952.
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Taft, Kefauver Hold Lead In Number of Delegates

Washington — (U.P.) — Here is the up-to-date United Press tabulation of delegates so far chosen for the presidential nominating conventions. The tabulation is based on formal pledges and known first-ballot preferences:

REPUBLICANS

Sen. Robert A. Taft, 470; Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, 398; Gov. Earl Warren, 76; Harold E. Stassen, 25; Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin, 42; Gen. Douglas MacArthur, 4; Contested, 61; Uncommitted or Unknown, 133; Still to be Chosen, 15. Total 1,206.

It takes 604 votes to win the nomination.

DEMOCRATS

Sen. Estes Kefauver, 251; W. Averell Harriman, 95½; Sen. Richard B. Russell, 85; Gov. G. Mennen Williams, 40; Sen. Rob-

ert S. Kerr, 30½; Alben W. Barkley, 27; Robert J. Bulkley, 27; Sen. Hubert Humphrey, 26; President Truman 13; Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson, 9½; Others, 4; Contested, 52; Uncommitted or Unknown, 397½. Still to be Chosen, 172. Total 1,230.

It takes 616 votes to win the nomination.

WANTED IN CALIFORNIA

Robert Virgil Neighbors, 20, of 4423 West 163rd street, Lawndale, Calif., who pleaded guilty last Thursday in circuit court on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses, is also wanted in Los Angeles, Calif., on a warrant charging grand theft with \$2,500 bail set, according to the sheriff's office. Neighbors is now awaiting sentence.

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Gen. James H. Doolittle said Saturday the United States will have an all-jet combat Air Force within five years.

LEAVES DA'S OFFICE
Mrs. Ann Hamilton, who has been employed for several years in the office of the Jackson county district attorney, has left that office. It was learned today. No successor in her position as office secretary has been announced by District Attorney Paul Haviland.

Pedestrian deaths increase 300 per cent during the hours of darkness even though there are fewer cars on the road, reports the Automobile Club of New York.



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