

IKE REPORTED AGREED TO RUN AGAIN IN 1956



PRESIDENT EISENHOWER
Another Term with Nixon Seen

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Washington — (U.P.) — Out of the latest White House stag dinner comes today persuasive reports that President Eisenhower has agreed to run in 1956 for a second term.

His running mate again would be Vice-President Richard M. Nixon.

That information comes from a party leader wholly in the confidence of the President and the administration. The only qualification to which the statements were subject was that events sometimes upset plans.

Committed To Ike
But as of now the administration high command apparently is committed to Eisenhower and Nixon in 1956. The President expects wholehearted support of Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland in that campaign.

Knowland recently parried a question whether Mr. Eisenhower should be the party's 1956 presidential nominee. The young Californian bucked the administration on Far East policy and balked at voting censure against Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

Believes Knowland With Him
The White House nevertheless believes Knowland will be on the team when the time comes, especially after any announcement that Mr. Eisenhower wants a second term. There is some natural rivalry between Nixon and Knowland, both young men from the West with political ambitions.

The word just now is that a successful Eisenhower-Nixon campaign in 1956 would be followed in 1960 by an effort to promote the vice-president to the top spot with Mr. Eisenhower's blessing. But 1960 is a long way off.

What the President's associates interpret as an unqualified willingness to run again in 1956 is tempered somewhat by remarks the President is reported to have made at last week's stag dinner where he was assembled some top members of the first-Eisenhower leaders. These men all had a hand in persuading the general to quit the Army and in obtaining the Republican nomination for him two years ago.

Sees Uncertainties
The President said the uncertainties of life made it hazardous to put all of any kind of eggs in one basket, especially political eggs. But as of now Nixon would be in line for Eisenhower support for the Republican nomination in 1960 or—if Mr. Eisenhower could not run again—in 1956.

Nixon rates high at the White House. He has played team ball. His friends point out that the administration has given him some tough and occasionally unwelcome chores which he has handled well. And it is common knowledge around town that Nixon is not always in agreement on tactics and strategy, but he goes along.

Mr. Eisenhower, however, feels that events now unforeseen could foreclose on both himself and Nixon and that the Republican party should be prepared with some attractive young bloods with which to attract the electorate, at least by 1960. Nixon definitely is counted among that group.

Others Mentioned
Upon whom the White House eye quite often rests are Deputy Defense Secretary Robert B. Anderson, a Texan, deputy Atty. Gen. William P. Rogers,

Gov. Walter Kohler of Wisconsin, Gov. George N. Craig of Indiana, Gov. Millard Simpson of Wyoming, and Gov. Arthur B. Langley of Washington.

The high command regards all of these men as having "saleable qualities." All or any are likely to be spotlighted from time to time by presidential actions, Nixon with the rest.

Mr. Eisenhower was said to be particularly anxious to see some Republican political glaze develop in the Middle West and he seemed to be thinking when he mentioned that especially of Craig and Kohler.

Employees of City Honor Mayor Flynn

About 50 Medford city employees honored Mayor D. L. Flynn and Mrs. Flynn yesterday afternoon at a Christmas party in the council chambers at the city hall.

Flynn was given a gold pocket watch by the employees and Mrs. Flynn received a large bouquet of flowers. Robert Duff, city superintendent, made the presentation and expressed the employees' gratitude to the mayor for his help to them during his administration.

The mayor has served the city as an elected official for six years. Prior to that he served six months as appointed councilman and acting mayor. He did not run for reelection this fall and will be succeeded by Mayor-Elect Earl Miller on Jan. 1.

Flynn was recently elected president of the League of Oregon cities for 1955. Next year he will preside at League director meetings and speak to various municipal groups throughout the state.

The mayor, clearly surprised at the presentation which was announced as an employees' party, told those present that it was the finest expression he had ever received.

Pilgrims Gather for
Rites in Jerusalem

Jerusalem — (U.P.) — Hundreds of pilgrims began crossing the true line of this divided city today through the Madaba Gate to attend services at Bethlehem.

The little town where Christ was born as hidden behind low gray clouds. On clear days it is visible from the hills outskirts of Jerusalem.

Tourists have filled all hotels in the Jordan-held old city of Jerusalem and those in nearby Ramallah for the Christmas Eve ceremony.

Before the message was broadcast, Vatican sources said the pontiff spent a good night last night.

His voice was weak at first. It grew in strength and then showed signs of fatigue as he neared the end of the 600-word message.

The broadcast had been recorded before, it was beamed around the world at 3 a.m. (PST) in 23 languages by the Vatican radio.

"To all peoples," the Pope said, "to their rulers" to those

Holiday Travelers Jam Transportation In Christmas Rush

Mild Temperatures May
Keep Death Toll Down

By UNITED PRESS

Highways, railroads and airplanes were jammed today with happy holiday travelers hurrying to celebrate Christmas with their loved ones.

Temperatures were generally mild across the nation, raising hopes that a predicted toll of 370 traffic deaths from 6 p.m. tonight to midnight Sunday would not be reached.

The warming weather spoiled hopes for a white Christmas in many parts of the country, however.

Terminals Jammed
Rail and air terminals across the nation reported a land office business as the last minute holiday rush began.

The Pennsylvania Railroad added 700 special trains, and 15 special trains, many of them hauling soldiers home for the holidays, were added to the Santa Fe system.

United Air Lines reported its Christmas traffic the "heaviest in recent years" and added extra planes for the holiday week. Extra flights were also added by American, Braniff, Eastern, Northwest, Trans World, Capital and other airlines.

Overseas, all troop mess halls in Europe were ordered to dish up a Christmas Day menu of roast turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, buttered lima beans, lettuce and tomato salad, fresh celery strips, stuffed olives, sweet pickles, hot rolls, fruit cake, mince pie a la mode, fruit, candy and nuts.

Accept German Invitations
About 40,000 Allied soldiers and civilians meanwhile took advantage of invitations to spend Christmas as the guests of German families.

President and Mrs. Eisenhower played host at the White House Christmas party Thursday. They gave the same gift—a reproduction of the President's portrait of George Washington—to aides and employees and then left to spend the holiday at their "winter" White House at Augusta, Ga.

Pre-Christmas
Rush About Over

Medford's pre-Christmas rush slowed to a walk today. Crowds downtown were smaller, public buildings were almost vacant, parking spaces were available, and the lobby of the post office, which has borne the brunt of the rush, looked almost abandoned.

The last of the county's schools closed today for the holiday vacation. Virtually all of them will resume classes Jan. 3.

All federal offices, with the exception of the post office, were closed today, as were the offices of the county agent, the district attorney, and the circuit judge. City offices closed in the afternoon.

All downtown stores will be closed tomorrow, and most of the grocery and drug stores which usually remain open Sunday, plan to be open only half the day this Sunday.

Road Conditions
Snow was falling in flurries over the Siskiyou mountain route of Highway 99 early this afternoon, and was beginning to stick on the highway at higher elevations, state police reported.

China was not needed at the time of the report, but it was recommended that cars carry them for possible use later.

Other mountain roads in the area were clear.

French Deputies Reject Rearmament of Germany

President, Dulles Greatly Concerned Over French Action

Secretary Planning
Series of Meetings

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles "are greatly concerned" over the French Parliament's preliminary action voting against German rearmament, the State Department said today.

Lincoln White, State Department spokesman, said Dulles discussed the situation with the President by telephone today. Dulles is planning to have a series of meetings at his Washington home to go further into the matter.

White said, "Both he and the President are greatly concerned by developments in Paris."

White said Dulles planned to devote his entire day to the development in France. He was unable, however, to say who would be called to the meetings at Dulles' residence.

The department was understood to pin high hopes that Premier Pierre Mendes-France could save the situation in the series of confidence votes to be begun Monday.

Banked on Approval
The department had banked heavily on French approval of the European defense plans and there has been little discussion recently of alternatives if the plan fails.

The White House was well aware that the French Assembly action last night was the first in a series of votes, but Mr. Eisenhower did not like the shadow cast by this first vote on the program for European security.

The President waited until this morning before reacting. He waited until Dulles received official reports from the U.S. Embassy in Paris.

London — (U.P.) — Britain served blunt notice today that West Germany will be rearmament regardless of French action blocking the Paris agreements.

A Foreign Office statement warned that continued "unity of the Western Allies" depends squarely on the French deputies reversing their early morning vote rejecting the rearmament provision of the Paris accords.

"The issue is not whether the German Federal Republic will rearm but how," the Foreign Office statement said.

Linda Leaves Hospital
Today After 2 Months

Linda Bowen, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowen, Gold Hill, went home by ambulance after being at Community hospital since Oct. 20. She suffered critical back injuries when she fell from a tree while trying to get a kitten which had crawled up the tree after being frightened by a dog.

She was fitted with a back cast Thursday and today her parents arranged for a hospital type bed for her. Future plans for further treatment are indefinite, though it is expected she will be home for about a month before being hospitalized again.

Mrs. Bowen said today that a "real Christmas" is planned for her with the other members of the family, including two daughters, Pat, 19, and Peg, 8, and two sons, Jerry, 18, and David, 12.

UMC DRIVE GOES OVER TOP Hungary Grants Fields Asylum

Budapest, Hungary — (U.P.) — Americans Noel and Herta Field have asked for and been granted political asylum in Communist Hungary, a government communique announced today.

The brief statement released by the Hungarian news agency, M.T.L., said:

"Noel H. Field and his wife Herta A. Field, American citizens, asked for political asylum to the government of the Hungarian Peoples Republic. The government has granted the asylum."

The U.S. legation in Budapest said it had not been informed of the dramatic new development in the Field mystery until foreign correspondents telephoned.

Feared Dead
The Fields had been missing and feared dead from the time of their mysterious disappearance in the summer of 1949 until they were freed from prison last Nov. 16. Noel had been in Czechoslovakia collecting book material when he vanished after wiring his hotel to hold his baggage because he was going to Budapest.

Herta disappeared a few days later in Prague. In 1950, their

step-daughter, Mrs. Erika Wallach, was reported missing from Berlin.

Last reports received by her husband in Washington earlier this year placed Mrs. Wallach in the infamous Vorkuta slave labor camp near Arctic Circle.

Release of the Fields from prison was announced by the Hungarian government last Nov. 16. They entered a Budapest hospital for "rest and treatment" two days later.

Washington — (U.P.) — American officials said today that the reported defection of Noel and Herta Field to Communist Hungary came as no surprise.

Previously, there had been doubts expressed that the couple would return to the West.

The State Department said it had not received official reports of the Fields' action in requesting and receiving asylum in the nation which had imprisoned them for five years and then released them. Therefore, the department declined comment.

However, officials said privately the United States will study all information available on the defection and then decide what if any action the U.S. government should take.

Boy, 16, Held in Jail On Assault Complaint

A Grants Pass man whose panel truck was stolen at gunpoint yesterday has signed an information in district court charging a 16-year-old Medford youth with the crime.

The information, signed by Wallace Arthur Stearns, 407 Southeast M. st., Grants Pass, charges the youth with assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon.

The boy has been lodged in the Jackson county jail, and District Attorney Walter Nunley indicated this morning that the youth will be arraigned today or Monday.

Has Previous Record
Because of the nature of the charge and the boy's previous record, he probably will be treated as an adult suspect, the district attorney said.

The youth was captured early yesterday afternoon in a second stolen car in the Ruch area. The district attorney said the apprehension closed a series of events which included theft of a gun from a house, an unsuccessful attempt to steal a car at a local mill, theft of a truck from Stearns after the Grants Pass man had given the youth a ride, threatening the family of Allen Gaches in the Griffin Creek area, and theft of the Gaches car, in which the boy was captured.

The attempt to take a car at a mill had failed when the owner of the vehicle knocked down another teenage Medford youth who was accompanying the boy, according to Nunley. The boy who was knocked down, also 16, was taken to a hospital, but apparently had no injuries, the district attorney said.

He later appeared in city court and was fined \$10 and sentenced to 15 days in jail on a charge of being drunk in public.

Stearns later gave a ride to the youth who is charged with robbery, and at the intersection of McAndrews rd. and Jackson st., was forced from his vehicle at gunpoint, the district attorney stated. Road blocks were set up, and at 12:49 p.m., police were informed the Gaches family had been held up and their car taken, in the vicinity of Rogue River academy on South Stage rd.

An officer closing in from the Grants Pass area made the arrest. State police said that the Stearns car was left near the academy.

Police indicated that the boy had been drinking rather heavily.

In another case, David E. DeLong, 35, of 227 Meade st., Ashland, appeared in district court yesterday and was arraigned on charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. He was slated to appear in court today with his attorney, and was jailed after bail was set at \$5,000.

Two other men were jailed yesterday. Alex James Heagle, 36, Cottage Grove, was returned here from Eugene by Sheriff Howard Gault to face charges of obtaining money under false pretenses. Phillip Ambrose Dalair, 44, of 535 North Ivy st., was arrested by state police on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

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Shady Cove sources said that no alarm was received by the Shady Cove-Trail volunteer fire department, which would have responded had it been notified.

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West Pins Hopes On Mendes-France In Confidence Vote

Anger and Dismay
In Western Capitals

Paris — (U.P.) — French deputies rejected German rearmament in a stunning early morning vote today, arousing both anger and dismay in Western Allied capitals whose only hope now was that Premier Pierre Mendes-France somehow still could snatch victory from defeat.

The National Assembly approved bills internationalizing Saar and granting German sovereignty, but final rejection of German rearmament would wreck the whole plan for West European Union.

Adenauer in Consultation
In Bonn, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer jinked his Christmas Eve plans and hurried into consultation with his advisers.

As with other Western Allies, Adenauer's entire policy is based on Western European Union.

The stunning decision against German rearmament was reached by the same deputies who four months ago killed the European Defense Community.

Deputies rebuffed an article which would put 500,000 armed Germans in a Western European Union by a 280 to 259 vote on the first of three ratification bills.

After a brief recess in the all-night session, the deputies then approved articles recommending Europeanization of the Saar borderland and ending the occupation by giving Germany sovereignty.

Two Votes Lopsided
The vote on the Saar article was 388 to 145. The sovereignty issue carried by a 380 to 180 vote. A third agreement which would permit Allied troops to remain in Germany at the German request was approved by a show of hands.

But the endorsement of the Saar and Sovereignty recommendations was overclouded by the unexpected defeat of the article calling for rearmament of West Germany and admitting it to WEU.

In a move to reverse the assembly's action and save WEU, Mendes-France called for confidence votes starting Monday afternoon on these issues:

1. West German entry into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and rearmament.

2. Additional protocols on German participation in NATO.

3. A reversal of the assembly's vote on WEU.

Communists Delighted
While the voting on rearmament was purely a preliminary move, it cast gloom among pro-rearmament deputies and delighted Communists and right-wingers who have tried desperately to block ratification.

Supporters were stunned because the defeat came shortly after the assembly had turned down, 439 to 181, a "murder motion" which would have blocked ratification of the articles without a final vote.

Local Elks Distribute
Yule Gifts This Week

The Medford Elks lodge distributed food, clothing and toys to 126 families this week, the lodge secretary, Ernest Scott, reported today. The Christmas week charitable project is an annual event with the lodge.

Names of needy families are obtained from members, the Jackson county Public Welfare department and other sources, Scott said. Names of additional families not cared for by the lodge were turned over to the Salvation Army, he reported.

Scott remarked that the list was much smaller than last year indicating increased prosperity in Jackson county.

Charity Campaign Total Climbs Over \$102,000 Yesterday

Lumber Wholesalers
Make Final Gifts

The United Medford Crusade goal of \$102,000 was reached yesterday, according to Bill Prentice, campaign chairman.

Coming on Christmas eve, this is "a wonderful Christmas present made by Greater Medford residents to the community," Prentice said.

Last year at this time, only \$92,000 had been pledged toward a \$101,000 goal, and it was not until March that a single gift from an anonymous donor in the fruit industry made the total amount.

This year, most firms in the wholesale lumber industry contributed additional gifts, ranging from \$50 to \$400 and totaling nearly \$3,000, to put the drive over the top.

An appeal was made by letter during the past two weeks, to many local people whose gifts had not yet been received, and to others who were asked to make an additional pledge, if possible. UMC officials pointed out that it was desirable to over-subscribe the goal since the \$102,000 now pledged includes approximately \$500 in pledges to non-member agencies. There is also a loss in collections during the year, they said. Additional pledges are therefore still needed, even though the goal has been reached, it was added.

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