

### French Premier May Stake Regime On Confidence Vote

Paris—(U.P.)—Premier Edgar Faure may stake the life of his young government for the first time on a vote of confidence tonight or Wednesday on his economic policies, informed sources said today.

His government was threatened not only by France's economically tangled financial and economic problems but also by a new flareup of the Saar dispute with Germany that could yet wreck French ratification of the Paris arms pact.

#### Wage Raises Debated

The assembly today resumed its debate on wage raises for the politically powerful civil servants. Faure discussed this issue with his cabinet Monday night and may test the government strength on it.

Faure got his first setback last Friday when the Finance committee rejected his proposed raise on grounds it was not enough. Faure has not indicated whether he believes calling a confidence vote on the matter would put the measure through.

**Toppled in 1952**  
Informed sources said that he would rather not use the confidence vote—which would put continuation of his government at stake. A vote of confidence on economic policies toppled Faure in 1952.

But most French politicians predicted that the next two weeks will determine whether the Faure coalition lives on or comes apart at the seams under the impact of pressing foreign and domestic issues.

### Bronx Zoo To Get San Francisco Octopus

San Francisco—(U.P.)—A 40-pound octopus named Arlene Mavournen made history today by being the first octopus to fly across the country.

Accompanied by Dr. Earl S. Herald of San Francisco's Steinhart aquarium, Arlene Mavournen made the trip to New York in a plastic bag containing 10 gallons of salt water chilled to 55 degrees.

The bag was sealed and inflated with oxygen, then placed in a fibreboard drum aboard a United Airlines plane.

Arlene Mavournen will be welcomed officially to New York Wednesday on the National Broadcasting company's Home Show. She will take up residence at Bronx Zoo.

### Back Stairs: Ike To Redeem FDR Promise

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Washington—(U.P.)—Back stairs at the White House: It was a promise made by another president—Franklin D. Roosevelt—but Mr. Eisenhower is willing to redeem it.

In the black days of 1942, FDR made a date with the future for a little boy. He addressed a letter to the president of 1956 requesting a West Point appointment for Colin Kelly III, whose father became the first American hero of World War II. The little boy's dad gave his life in a bombing attack on a Jap warship off the Philippines.

Mr. Eisenhower has the Roosevelt letter on file. Should young Kelly want to go to West Point, he'll have the backing of the Chief Executive.

Social item from the Gettysburg (Pa.) Times:

One of Mr. Eisenhower's recent guests at the farm was Douglas Black, president of the Doubleday Publishing Company. Doubleday published Mr. Eisenhower's book, "Crusade in Europe."

Does the President have another book in the works?

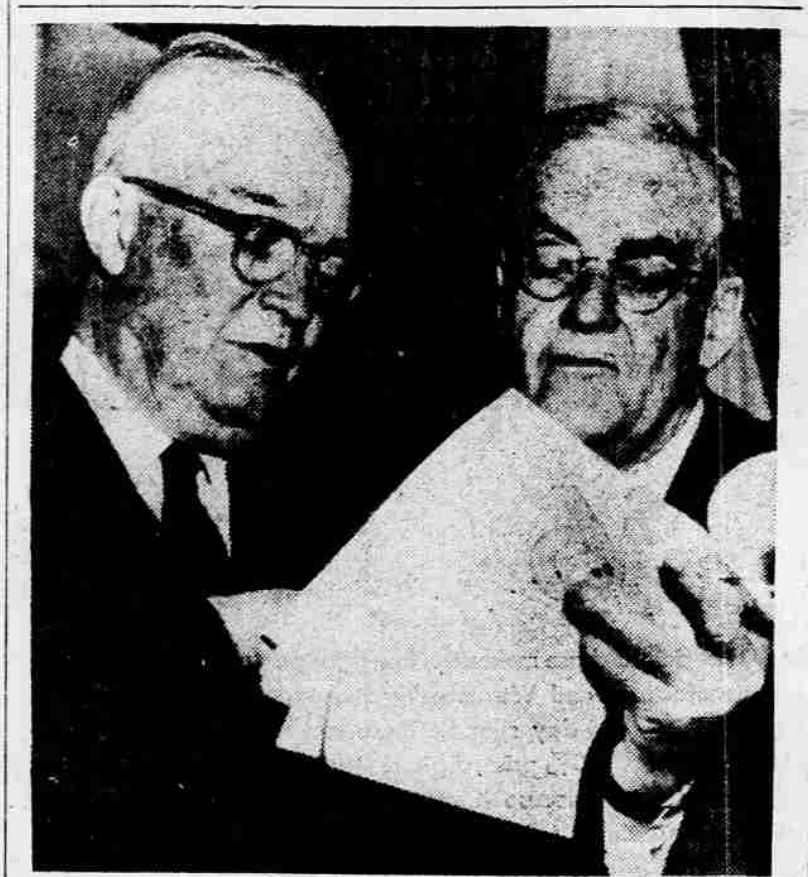
Massey Mott Heltzel, the President's pastor in Augusta, Ga., is about ready to announce completion of his new building for the Reid Memorial Presbyterian church. Heltzel is held up by one factor—he can't get delivery of his pews. He tells friends "Our pews are being built by a firm that is 'the best and the slowest in America.'"

#### SLIPPERY GOING

Couer d'Alene, Ida.—(U.P.)—A basketball game between Couer d'Alene and Lewis and Clark high schools was cancelled after officials watched the junior varsities slip and slide through a game. Seems there had been a dance at the gym the night before and custodians forgot to remove the floor wax.

that portions of the Eisenhower press conference film not released to the audio-visual media must be returned to the President's office.

This is entirely true. Mr. Heath, however, may not know



**WILL TOUR FAR EAST**—President Eisenhower conferred with John Foster Dulles (right) on Dulles' tour of the Communist-threatened Far East. Dulles told newsmen on his arrival in Washington that Communist China is "desperately" seeking to overrun "the forward positions of freedom" in Asia.

### Ike Gets First Easter Seals

Washington—(U.P.)—Six-year-old Billy Jennings climbed slowly up the steps of the White House on his crutches today and presented President Eisenhower the first sheet of 1955 Easter seals.

His action marked the opening of this year's annual month-long Easter seal campaign of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Billy, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Jennings of Trumbull, Conn., has been crippled since birth. An artist's concept of his braced legs appears on the 1955 Easter seal poster.

He had a congenital spinal defect which left his legs useless, but treatment has restored his lower limbs sufficiently to permit him to ride his bicycle, swim and enjoy many other activities of children his own age. Originally, Bill was to have

### Press Continues To Speculate on Princess Margaret

London—(U.P.)—British newspapers speculated on the reported romance between Princess Margaret and RAF Group Capt. Peter Townsend for the third consecutive day today.

The Daily Mirror, in a front page interview with the handsome, 40-year-old divorced father of two children, quoted Townsend as saying: "The word cannot come from me."

The Sunday Pictorial, sister paper of the Daily Mirror, began things Sunday with a big, black headline: "Princess Margaret Marriage Sensation; Public Announcement Expected Soon."

**Announcement Expected**  
The Daily Mirror Monday quoted Townsend, now air attaché in Brussels, as saying he expected an announcement on the romance at any time.

The Communist Daily Worker jeered at the whole thing and said: "We plead with the Princess; please put the whole world out of its agony. Make up your mind."

Buckingham Palace maintained strict silence and an official spokesman said, "There will be no comment."

### Library Scholarship Plan is Announced

Ashland—A \$150 scholarship for a year's study at the University of Washington has been announced to Southern Oregon college students by Librarian Myrtle Funkhouser.

For many years, Miss Funkhouser said, the library profession has been attracting too few persons although the demand for librarians is increasing constantly. To encourage librarianship as a career, the Oregon Library association has set up a fund known as the Marcia M. Hill scholarship. The scholarship is awarded each year to the person who shows outstanding promise and interest in the field of library service and who meets the qualifications set by the association.

A candidate must have completed four years of college, satisfied the entrance requirements of the University of Washington school of Librarianship, and indicated his intention to take a library position in Oregon for at least a year after receiving the library degree.

Application blanks may be obtained from Miss Funkhouser. A candidate should also make application for entrance to the Un-

### Nugent Jubilant Over Acquittal On Aiding Enemy

Fort Sill, Okla.—(U.P.)—Maj. Ambrose Nugent said today his acquittal on nine collaboration charges was a "vindication of American military justice" and

he plans to resume his Army career as an artillery officer.

The silver-haired, 45-year-old regular Army major, who had been accused of aiding the Communists while a prisoner in North Korea, was swamped with congratulatory telephone and telephone calls today.

**Join in Praise**  
Local townspeople who had followed the seven-week court martial joined in praising the court's decision.

"It was a very popular decision here," said John Clabes of the Lawton Constitution-Press.

"I love the Army. I want to stay with it," Nugent said today. "I want to take a leave and get some dental work done, then I plan to resume my Army career as an artilleryman."

Nugent was defended by two Army attorneys in the long trial. Justice Said Vindicated "The only thing I can say now is that military justice is vindicated," the graying grandfather from Merrill, Wis., said after the decision yesterday. "I absolutely had a fair trial."

A board of two colonels and seven lieutenant-colonels deliberated two hours, seven minutes before deciding the tall, gaunt soldier did not give undue aid to his captors while a prisoner of war some 38 months in Korea.

Conviction could have meant life imprisonment and dishonorable discharge. He was the fifth former American POW court-martialed on collaboration charges, but the first one ac-

### Fluoridation of Portland Water Would Cut Decay

Portland—(U.P.)—Tooth decay in children would be reduced 65 per cent by the fluoridation of Portland's water supply, according to Dr. Daniel F. Lynch, president of the American Dental Association.

Dr. Lynch, here for the Oregon State Dental Association's annual convention, said that 20 million persons in 1043 communities are now using fluoridated water.

Until fluoridation is used here, the dentist said, the dental health of the city's children is being "grossly neglected."

**To Install President**  
Dr. Ralph G. Cooper of Portland was to be installed today as president of the association. He succeeds Dr. Harold M. Kramer, also of Portland.

President-elect for 1956 is Dr. J. Warner Henderson of Hood River.

Continuing in office will be Dr. Paul W. Kunkel St. of Portland, vice-president; Dr. Thomas D. Holder of Portland, secretary treasurer; and Dr. Ernest A. Hurley of Portland, editor.

Officers were elected at a pre-convention session Sunday by the house of delegates.

### High School Poster Contest Plan Told

Ashland—A poster contest for high school students has been announced by the Beta Iota field chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, professional education fraternity, at Southern Oregon college.

PDK officers said the contest is to bring to the attention of high school students in pictorial form the opportunities offered in the various branches of the teaching profession.

Theme for the poster contest is to be "Careers in Education." Deadline for entries will be April 15, 1955. Inquiries should be directed to Otto Wilda, art department, Southern Oregon college, Ashland.

iversity of Washington school of librarianship, of which Miss Gladys Boughton is director.

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