

Eden's Campaign Given Boost by Ike's Acceptance of Big Four Meeting

Education Problems Discussed Last Night By 100 Local People

More than 100 citizens from all parts of the county wrestled with the complex problems of modern public education at a meeting in Medford last night. They came up with recommendations which included minimum and maximum wage scales for teachers, the idea that the county needs reorganization of all school districts, opposition to federal aid to education, and statements which deplored the apathy of the general public toward schools.

The meeting was Jackson county's regional White House conference on education. Ideas which germinated at the session will be sent to the state and national conferences late this year.

Banquet Held

The conference was conducted in six sections after a banquet at which Garner Knapp, Salem, president of the Oregon School Boards' association, was main speaker. Knapp said "this conference has been called because we have a problem," and added that citizens must understand the problems of the schools if they are to be solved intelligently.

"Free public schools will keep America free," Knapp said, and also declared that ideas and recommendations from the grass roots level would result from the series of conferences. The evening concluded with summaries by recorders from each section.

Objectives Talked

Group I, considering "What should our schools accomplish?" reported for the summary session that two factions were apparent. One favored more emphasis on vocational training and two favored more liberal education, believing that children should be prepared to cope with the problems of society and not just taught how to make a living.

The group recommended that there be more and earlier preparation for both the vocational and college-bound student, with increased personal guidance; agreed that it is not the province of the school "to do everything" for the child, suggested that there be more emphasis on public speaking and courses which would help students communicate their ideas, and that there be language training on a conversational level in the grade schools.

The majority of this group of 30 citizens, largest of the six, felt that the schools are "headed in the right direction" but need improvement.

School Facilities

Considering the question "how can we get the school facilities we need?" Group II concluded that expanded vocational facilities, more special education facilities for the exceptional child and an expanded curriculum for high school, possibly something of the camp-type program, are needed. This group also suggested that there be a change in methods in order to better utilize present facilities, and that

Change Dampens Charges Made By Laborites

London—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower's acceptance of Big Four talks "at the summit" gave Prime Minister Anthony Eden's Conservative party a big boost in the British election campaign today.

The American policy change gave Eden the aura of a man who can influence the United States toward the British view. The United States had favored lower level talks until the current meetings of Western foreign ministers in Paris.

This change dampened charges by left wing Laborites that the Conservative government dances when Washington calls the tune. The latest development fits neatly with the theme of Conservative campaigners who have been emphasizing Eden's diplomatic skill as one of the party's great virtues.

The Conservatives also are not expected to let the electorate forget it was former Prime Minister Winston Churchill who first proposed talks "at the summit" two years ago tomorrow.

Conservative leaders jubilantly welcomed the American agreement on Big Four talks as the boost which Churchill said the party needed.

Churchill, in his first speech since he resigned as Prime Minister, said last night "it would be a disaster" to permit the Labor party to return to power. The nation votes May 26.

The 80-year-old statesman traveled to Woodford to open his own campaign for reelection to the House of Commons in the constituency he has represented for 30 years.

Criminologist Feels Sheppard To Be Not Guilty

Berkeley, Calif. — (U.P.)—University of California criminologist Dr. Paul Kirk says the evidence he gathered in the Dr. Sam Sheppard murder case definitely indicates that the convicted osteopath was innocent of the murder of his wife, Marilyn.

Kirk branded Sheppard's trial and yesterday's refusal by a Cleveland common pleas judge to call a new trial as "miscarriages of justice" and "simply face saving" maneuvers.

Reacts Bitterly

The small, scholarly scientist reacted bitterly to Judge Edward Blythin's comment that the evidence Dr. Kirk uncovered "was still in the realm of theory."

"I don't think any of them know the difference between the facts and theory, and I don't think they want the facts," Kirk said. "All they wanted to do was simply save face — and they've done it."

The criminologist was critical of Sheppard's trial and of Judge Blythin's refusal to grant a new trial.

"If this case had happened out here (California) I don't think it would have ever got to trial. I don't know a district attorney who would have come into court with the evidence that was presented at the trial," Public Responsible.

Kirk said the newspapers and general public were largely responsible for Sheppard's conviction.

"Cleveland decided he was the right man. The press was largely responsible. It was a matter of mob spirit with a clamoring for blood."

"The public clamor grew too big and by the time it was over, it was too late for them (investigating officials) to back out."

Cleveland—(U.P.)—Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard today pinned his hopes for freedom on the decision of a three judge court of appeals that will rule this month on his plea for a new trial on grounds of judicial error.

Sheppard lost his next to last chance for a new trial Monday when Judge Edward Blythin denied him a new trial on grounds of fresh evidence.

ter of ceremonies and Mrs. Leigh Gustison, co-chairman with Chester Squires, Ashland, on arranging the conference, greeted the assemblage and thanked her sub-committee members. The dinner was served by the high school cafeteria staff with the assistance of a group of high school girls.

MISTRIAL DECLARED

Norfolk, Va. — (U.P.)—Federal Judge Walter E. Hoffman declared a mistrial for suspected moonshiner Bennie Sawyer after seven jurors said they had read a newspaper quoting Hoffman's remark: "Bootleggers look like troopers."

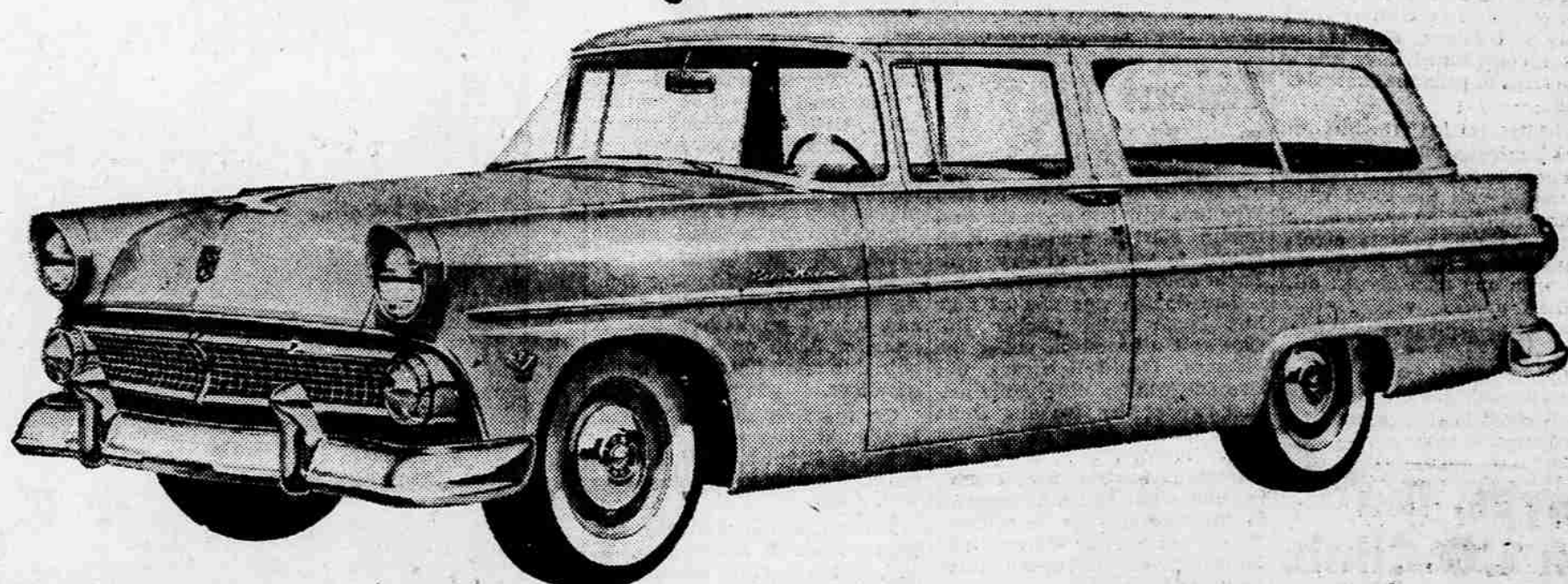
Tokyo — (U.P.)— Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu said agreed to extension of runways on American air bases for use by heavier jet aircraft which the United States has decided to station in Japan because of "tense conditions" in the Far East.

Some sportsmen consider the eyes and tongues of fish as delicacies.

The number of milk cows in the nation declined one per cent in 1954.

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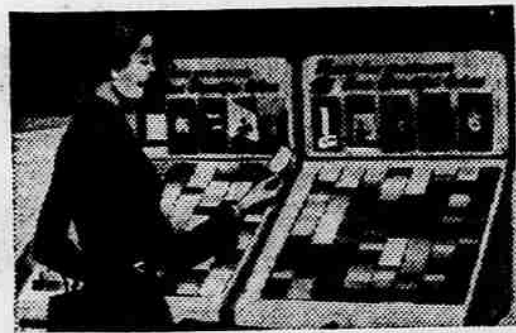
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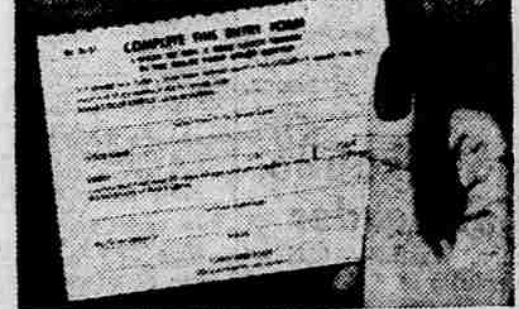
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