

Observers Think Ike Means Business About Seeking Second Term

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Washington — (U.P.) — The returns are in on President Eisenhower's non-political swing through New England along with his news conference explanation that his coy references to a second term were just funning.

Practical politicians around town are not buying any of that. In something more than two White House years, Mr. Eisenhower has shown himself to be a natural-born baby kisser. A congenital politician, despite an Army background.

Moreover, the President shows much evidence of liking his job. The frustrations of office which raised his blood pressure during the first 12 months no longer seem to do so.

The President and his charming Mamie have worked out a routine of living which gives due consideration to the fact that Mrs. Eisenhower—or most women—is not up to the daily grind of politics.

Mamie About Average

Of recent first ladies, Mrs. Eisenhower is about average on the score of political activity and hosting at 1600 Pennsylvania avenue. If pretty Grace Coolidge ever performed a political deed during the late Calvin's term of office, none about recalls it, other than she was just her gracious self around the house. And the Coolidges were great ones to travel for long week ends and long summers away from Washington.

Mrs. Hoover was active in the affairs of her husband's Quaker church and in the Girl Scouts. She was a woman of rare intelligence and wide reading, and shared with President Hoover the problems of power and office, but never in public.

There was Mrs. Roosevelt, of course, but her like had not been seen before, nor likely again

soon. Homey Bess Truman spent about as much time back there in Independence as Mrs. Eisenhower spends on the family's Gettysburg farm. She had no taste for Washington society, but clung closely to her pre-White House friends, a trait which is strong with Mrs. Eisenhower as well.

Mrs. Eisenhower's health surely would be a factor in any decision the President might make about a second term. But there is no showing that she is other than in good physical condition, if something less than a robust lady wrestler.

Handy Gettysburg Farm

Much of her time now is spent on the Gettysburg farm which is as handy to Washington for herself and her husband as Greenwich, Conn., could be to a commuting New York tycoon or Twin Peaks to a San Franciscan. Someone said recently that when an adequate small airplane turned up to fit the Eisenhowers to and from Gettysburg in a matter of minutes, the biggest obstacle to another nomination for President was removed.

All of this adds up. If the President really were sour on his job and wanted out, he would not be funning in New England about the possibility of another term. It is a fact that he becomes annoyed from time to time and snaps at intimates that it's a tough job from which he'd like to retire. But so do most men and women get fed up, occasionally, with the work they do and often love.

The old timers will remember the constant sighs and laments uttered by FDR at the fate which kept him in, and away from Hyde Park. On the other hand, Mr. Roosevelt devoted one of the keenest political minds of our times to maintaining his leasehold on the White House. And



SEEKING SUPPORT in Rome to organize new Italian cabinet, Antonio Segni (right), former minister of agriculture, confers with Senate President Merzagora in Rome. (International)

Douglas Explains Las Vegas Hotels Red China Theory Start Cover Charge

Manila, P. I. — (U.P.) — U. S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas explained his position on recognizing Red China today by stating "We recognize all sorts of nations, some of which we don't agree with."

Douglas, who came out with a statement earlier this week that he advocates formal recognition of Communist China, reiterated his stand at a press conference. He said recognition should be given providing certain conditions could be met. The conditions boiled down to a sincere display on the part of Red China that it would get along with other nations.

The justice said he felt Britain was hasty in recognizing Red China immediately, but he added the present government in Peking seemed to have an air of permanence about it.

There are in town those who say, if he could get a fourth term, why not a fifth? Had he not died it would have been a fair and interesting question.

Mass Evacuation Proved Possible In South Bend Test

South Bend, Ind. — (U.P.) — Civil defense officials agreed today that more than 35,000 South Bend residents have proved that mass evacuation of large cities is possible.

A 400-block area in the heart of South Bend was emptied in an hour Wednesday in the biggest civil defense test of a city evacuation yet attempted.

Just before 4 p.m. EDT, cars were cruising the streets and pedestrians clustered on the street corners.

Then came the wail of air raid sirens. In five minutes, South Bend's busiest district looked like a ghost town.

The Indians quickly out of town quietly and move off. Most of them went in cars along pre-designated routes. Others were picked up by cruising city buses or motorists. In all, 8,000 vehicles took part.

Federal and state civil defense officials, here to watch "Operation Exit," were frankly impressed.

W. B. Pettigrew, federal civil defense administrator for an eight-state area, commented "People had said you can't get them out." That was disproved at South Bend.

J. Russell Pryor, federal traffic and safety director for civil defense, agreed that the South

New York Blind Man Robbed, Knocked Down

New York — (U.P.) — A 72-year-old blind man was mugged here yesterday.

Two men helped Harry Rosel to his Bronx apartment. Then one of them held him in a headlock while the other took his wallet, containing \$15. Then they threw Rosel down the stairs and fled.

Alfred Sulmonetti Succeeds Mundorff

Portland — (U.P.) — Alfred T. Sulmonetti has been named Multnomah County Circuit Judge succeeding the late Judge Lowell Mundorff.

Governor Paul Patterson made the appointment late yesterday afternoon, filling a vacancy left by Judge Mundorff's death last Friday.

Sulmonetti, a graduate of Drake University, is judge advocate of the Oregon Department of the American Legion and has been active in YMCA affairs.

Bend test "shows without a doubt that evacuation can be done if you have the proper organization and planning beforehand."

South Bend residents also felt the test had been worthwhile. One of them, Jay Mooney, said "a lot of people thought it was silly. But it might save some lives."

Japanese Said Flying First-Line MIG Jets

Tokyo — (U.P.) — A Japanese who claimed to have deserted from the Communist Chinese Air Force said today that Japanese fliers flew "first-line MIG jets" against UN planes in the Korean War.

"Hachiro Niitama," listed as dead by the Japanese army in Manchuria in 1944, claimed that Japanese pilots raided the Formosa area twice that he knew of, according to a Kyodo news agency report from Hiroshima. He estimated there were 3000 Japanese in the Red Armed forces.

New Portland Bomb Threat Thought Hoax

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland police yesterday made a belated report on another apparently phony bomb tip, this one directed against the city parole officer.

Police said a girl babysitting for a former deputy district attorney received a phone call on Monday night instructing her that a bomb had been attached to Parole Officer Robert C. Van Vactor's car.

The automobile was searched thoroughly by police, who said nothing of a suspicious nature was found.

Adm. Burke Starts Inspection Tour

Atsugi, Japan — (U.P.) — Rear Adm. Arleigh A. Burke, nominated by President Eisenhower as new chief of U.S. naval operations, began today an inspection tour of American military establishments in Japan.

Burke arrived here from Okinawa.

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