

Ike Expected To Reveal Political Plans Much Earlier Than Was Expected

Announcement May Be Made Before End of December

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Washington—(U.P.)—The word here and from Denver is that President will reveal his 1956 political plans much sooner than was likely before he became ill, probably before Christmas.

The advice of his political associates and his own inclinations long had centered on an early March announcement. Mr. Eisenhower's political friends were strongly confident that he would announce willingness to accept renomination.



They are not confident now. There is a good chance that the contest for next year's Republican presidential nomination will become a free-for-all political brawl damaging to the party's election prospects, assuming that Mr. Eisenhower is out of it.

No Natural Successors

Sen. Robert A. Taft was the acknowledged leader of one large division of the Republican party. He is dead. Mr. Eisenhower was the hand-picked leader of the other division of the party. A comparatively leaderless party can work itself into a dreadful tangle.

It is a wide open contest, therefore, as of now. Mr. Eisenhower can bring his prestige to bear in favor of his own choice of a 1956 presidential nominee only if he soon takes himself out of the running and goes all out to put his man over. It remains to be seen whether the President can dictate the party choice. There is some doubt, even, that he will seek to do so. But presidents usually want to pick their successors.

But he still must take himself out earlier than planned, if he intends to retire, merely to be fair to the voters and to Republican hopefuls, even though he may not wish to choose among them.

Presidential primaries are coming up, the first on March 13 in New Hampshire, followed by Minnesota March 20; Wisconsin April 3; Illinois April 10; New Jersey April 17; Massachusetts April 24. Upward of a dozen others extend through May and into June.

Entitled to Chance

If Mr. Eisenhower retires and has no favorite, all hands are entitled to an equal chance at the primary gauntlet. The voters are entitled to maximum opportunity to observe the various hopefuls under pre-convention campaign fire.

If Mr. Eisenhower has a favorite, he will have to hustle him into some key primary contests not only to ward off poachers but to put his man on show. The primaries are important. They can be deadly to a loser.

Taft's 1952 drive for the Republican presidential nomination was wounded, probably fatally, by New Hampshire and New Jersey primary reverses. A lone Wisconsin primary shattered the late Wendell L. Willkie's dream of obtaining Republican renomination in 1944.

OLCC Revenue Up; Sales Decrease

Portland—Net revenue of the Oregon liquor control commission for fiscal year 1954-55 was 1.59 per cent higher than the previous year, despite declines in liquor sales and license tax collections.

Some \$13,393,248 was netted by the commission. Some 846,374 cases of liquor were purchased. The total was \$155,974 and 5,913 fewer cases than was sold the previous year.

License fee income totaling \$608,368 was less than one per cent less than last year, and privilege tax revenue of \$1,163,802 was 1.53 per cent lower than the previous year. The latter decrease is partly due to decline in malt beverage consumption.

The commission issued 294,897 purchaser's permits for fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, which is 1,700 fewer than issued the previous year.

IN EVIDENCE

Greenwich, Conn.—(U.P.)—Robert Drew, 23, had good reason for appearing barefooted when presented in town court on theft charges. His only pair of shoes and socks, identified as among articles stolen from a country club, were being used as evidence.

Building paper is the best insulator for outer walls under shingles or siding, because it allows moisture to pass through.



STANDING IN stairway of house at Grossinger, N. Y., where they were married, Actress Debbie Reynolds and Crooner Eddie Fisher smile at relatives and friends before leaving for brief honeymoon "somewhere in New York." (International)

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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A woman in her 30s married to a man of Danish birth or descent is the most likely to give birth to twins. After that a woman in the same age group who has a Swedish husband is most likely to have a double feature blessed event. That's what I note claimed. I will not accept this claim until I have completely checked. It has always been my understanding that the woman most likely to have twins is one in her 30s who is married to a man of Irish birth or descent.

Schools

There is an astonishing variety of schools in this fair land of ours. As for example, consider that in Las Vegas, Nev., there is a school for "21" dealers. Westerner informs me he took the course and is now employed at a Las Vegas casino. He adds: "The 21 game at our place is strictly on the level from the house standpoint. However, a dealer has to watch that the customers don't cheat him."

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. On what race in England did "Bet a Million" Gates win over a quarter of million dollars from the British bookies? A. Was the Stewards Cup at Goodwood. Won by Royal Flush owned by Gates, ridden by Johnny Reiff, trained by Enich Wishard. Q. In what portrait by Thomas Gainsborough can be seen the so-called "Gainsborough hat" popularized by Lillian Russell? A. The piece of millinery you mention is depicted in Gainsborough's portrait of the Duchess of Devonshire.

Sidelights

"All right, now that it has been settled there was a song about a girl named Linda," writes a young woman of Manhattan, "how about a girl named Ruth?" Answer is that long ago there was a hit song titled, "Along Came Ruth." It was none other than Oliver Herford who defined a kiss as "A course of procedure cunningly devised for the mutual stoppage of speech at a moment when words are superfluous."

Horses And Women

At what age should a woman who has never married be referred to as a "spinster"? That question is constantly discussed. Some say that at 25 a bachelorette becomes a spinster. Commenting on this a subscriber states hearing the word "spinster" makes her shudder. She is 24 and not married. "I feel as if I am on the last mile," she says sadly. I believe too many women in their 20s take the matter of being called an "old maid" or "a spinster" too seriously. That's why so many women of 25 or thereabouts make unhappy marriages. They will marry most anybody to avoid being called an old maid.

Complaint

You, make me so mad the way you ignore reporting what the stargazers say about us Capricorn women that I just could enjoy slapping your face," writes a Brooklynite. This young woman's attitude is quite interesting, as the stargazers say that Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) women can be very aggressive and are inclined to quarrel about trivial things. However, I don't care to add to the already alarming number of women who want to slap my face, so I will report further on the Capricorn girls in an early issue.

Marine Jet Fighter Crashes in Japan

Tokyo — (U.P.) — A U.S. Marine F3D jet night fighter crashed into the hills outside of Yokohama today, killing its pilot and radar operator, the Marines announced.

Marine Air Group II said cause of the crash was unknown. Japanese reports said the plane exploded in air and crashed into the hills, setting fire to the woods.

Names of the victims were withheld.

Copco Assures Preferential Water Rights in Klamath River

Sacramento, Calif. — (U.P.) — Land owners in the Upper Klamath Basin had qualified assurance today from the California Oregon Power Company it would grant preferential water rights for non-federal developments.

John C. Boyle, Copco vice-president and general manager, told members of the California and Oregon Klamath River Commissions the assurances would be given to them and the two state engineers "as a matter of public record."

Reads Draft of Letter

He read to the commissions a draft of a letter he said would be sent to them.

On condition that pending opposition is withdrawn, the draft said, "Copco is willing to agree that for the term of its contract no Klamath water shall be used by Copco when it is needed or

required for domestic, municipal or irrigation purposes in the Upper Klamath Basin provided that nothing shall curtail the water rights of Copco having a priority earlier than May 19, 1955, and provided that all drainage water flows be returned to the river above Keno."

Boyle, however, was adamant in his refusal to incorporate the provision in a pending contract with the Bureau of Reclamation which would renew the power company's control of the Link River Dam and Upper Klamath Lake.

The provision closely paral-

leled the provision which the two commissions had asked Copco and the bureau to insert in the contract.

"I think this will go a long way toward satisfying the objections of the commissions and the water users," said Nelson Reed, chairman of the Oregon commission. He said, however, he would not agree to okay the entire contract without further consultations.

Bert D. Phillips, chairman of the California commission, said he was "very pleased" with the company's action. He asked further conferences to iron out other features of the contract. He said he particularly wanted assurances the company would construct afterbay storage at the same time it builds its Copco Big Bend No. 2 plant. The contract clears the way for its construction.

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