

# Ike Will Return at Key West

## President Arrives For Two-Week Stay In Southern City

Brother Milton, Physician on Trip

Key West, Fla.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower flew today to Key West, the nation's southernmost city, for a two-week stretch of sunshine, rest and work.

The presidential plane, Colombine II, touched down at the airport here after a three-hour, 34-minute flight from the frosty winter temperatures at Washington.

A cavalcade, with the President in the lead in a Cadillac, crossed newly named Eisenhower dr. at the junction of Truman ave. and Roosevelt blvd.

The reception was almost informal compared to the greetings extended former President Truman during his 11 visits here.

There was no reception line of city and county officials. Several hundred civilians were waving at the end of the runway to wave at the President.

Mr. Eisenhower stepped from the plane and waved with his hat to the small crowd. Only a few clouds were in the sky. The 73-degree temperature compared to 28 degrees at noon in Washington.

Key West's 30,000 residents started lining the route of the motorcade to the naval base some three hours before Mr. Eisenhower's plane arrived.

Accompanying the President, among others, were his brother, Dr. Milton Eisenhower, and his physician, Maj. Gen. Howard McC. Snyder. Mrs. Eisenhower was remaining in Washington to be near her daughter-in-law, Barbara, who gave birth to her fourth child last week.

The President's decision to make the trip to Key West came as a surprise and represented a change of mind on his part.

His doctors had been urging him to go south for some mild exercise in a warmer climate as part of his recuperation from his heart attack. But only last week Mr. Eisenhower indicated he intended to ignore their suggestion.

At that time he informed the Key West Chamber of Commerce that he did not think he would be able to get away from Washington this winter and that if he did, he probably would go only as far south as Georgia.

What caused the President to change his mind was a mystery.



CLEANUP—The Allman family lean to the job of cleaning up in Yuba City, Calif., after the swollen Feather and Yuba rivers broke through weakened levees and filled their home with water and silt. Here, Mr. and Mrs.

Marion Allman, assisted by daughter, Carolyn, 14, clean up the kitchen of their home. The water within the home reached a level equal to the height of Carolyn's shoulders.

## Leader of Malaya Guerrillas Meets With Government

Baling, Malaya—(U.P.)—Chin Peng, young leader of the Malayan Communist guerrillas, came out of the jungle today to talk peace with government officials. They promptly deadlocked over recognition of the Communist party.

The 34-year-old Chin insisted that the outlawed Communist party be recognized. A communique issued after the opening 3½ hour session said the government refused the demand.

To Meet Tomorrow  
A second session followed after an hour recess and adjourned with an agreement by both sides to meet again tomorrow.

The communique said the talks were carried on in "an atmosphere of understanding." Chin said the Communists want peace, and for that reason he agreed to come out of the jungle and attend the meeting at great risk.

The glum-looking Chin was once a British war hero — its "most trusted guerrilla" leader in the war against the Japanese. He emerged from his jungle hideout today for the first time in years and entered this small north Malayan village escorted by British troops.

Chin, the secretary general of the Malayan Communist party and his two lieutenants, Chen Tien and Abdul Rashid bin Mahideen, headed the Communist delegation. They met with David Marshall, chief minister of Singapore, and Engku Abdel Rahman, chief minister of the Federation of Malaya.

Talk Site Guarded

The talks began in a heavily-guarded schoolhouse in this village by the Siamese border. The principles, including Sir Cheng Lock Tan, head of the Malayan Chinese association, posed for pictures for 15 minutes and then sat down for a three-hour session.

The talks are successful, they will end one of the bitterest and oldest struggles between the Communists and the free world since the end of World War II. The fighting in the jungles has been long and vicious and both sides have indicated they are tired of it.

## Bald Eagle Among Birds Counted by Medford Group

A bald eagle was the most notable bird observed by a Medford group in the 56th annual Christmas time bird count here sponsored by the National Audubon society.

The count was conducted by Mrs. Howard Bush and the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas McCamant yesterday.

The group also reported the first local appearance of starlings. The European bird, regarded as a pest in many Eastern localities, has been increasing in western Oregon during the past few years. Mr. McCamant said. A total of 159 starlings were counted.

Territory Covered

Territory covered by bird watchers is limited to a 15-mile diameter circle by regulations of the Audubon society. The local group covered hill areas east of Medford, other areas adjacent to the city, and valley areas along Crater Lake ave. and Antelope rd. to Gankee creek. Some attention was given water-fowl population in ponds, Mr. McCamant said.

The most numerous species observed was the robin, with 321. Mr. McCamant said, followed by 159 starlings and 158 juncos. The number of robins counted is less than last year, he said, because they are not using

## Medford Baseball Plans Called Off

Plans to bring Medford into the Northwest Class B baseball league have been abandoned, it was announced today by Harry Chipman, who has been acting as chairman of the movement.

Public apathy toward the plan was given as the reason for the action. "Baseball fans in this area apparently do not want professional baseball badly enough to get behind the movement with work and money," Chipman said.

Park Facilities Needed  
It was the consensus of opinion of the committeemen that if Med-

ford had adequate park facilities, backing could be obtained but too many prospective financiers were pessimistic regarding the committee's plans to renovate the Fairgrounds park in time for the 1956 season, it was pointed out.

Chipman said that Medford possibly could be extended another invitation to join the league in 1957 but he said the committee felt that if the city was to have an entry at that time, it would be necessary for the city, county, or some other group to take over the task of renovating the baseball park or to build a new one, while another group undertook the job of financing.

"The series of meetings and conversations with interested people brought out the fact that a city the size of Medford certainly should be represented in professional baseball, but not enough people were interested in doing something about it," Chipman said.

Summer Start Seen Needed  
If another invitation to join the league is extended for the 1957 season, the committee felt that starting in the summer of 1956 to develop interest, it might be possible to "sell" the valley on professional baseball if field facilities are adequate at that time.

## Hale Is Returned To Grants Pass

Fred Hale, 43, Grants Pass, whose light plane crashed Saturday in rugged mountain area near Black Bar lodge, 25 miles west of Grants Pass, was returned to Grants Pass today by a Mercy Flights plane.

Hale was picked up at Marial, on the lower Rogue river, by an Army helicopter and taken to North Bend where he was transferred to a Mercy Flights plane piloted by George Milligan, Medford. Hale was accompanied on the flight by his physician, V. E. Mikkelsen, Grants Pass.

According to Milligan, Hale suffered facial burns but was able to walk.

Hale, who had flown Walter Geer to Marial, was returning home when his light plane was caught in an air current and tossed into trees, Milligan said.

Hale was taken to Marial by Glenn Woldridge, veteran river guide. A ground rescue party of loggers arrived about 20 minutes before the helicopter but it was decided to wait for air transportation.

## Oregon Flood Waters Involve 1,430 Families

Salem—(U.P.)—Flood waters in Oregon have involved about 1,430 families and 157 business organizations, the Oregon Civil Defense agency reported today.

The information was requested from civil defense to determine the expected work load in Oregon for the Small Business administration following the emergency.

## County Schools Will Open Again January 3

All county schools are scheduled to open Jan. 3, it was announced today by County School Superintendent Alf Mekvold. The superintendent returned to his office yesterday after convalescence from injuries suffered in a traffic accident Dec. 15.

No major damage was sustained by county schools in the recent flood, he said, although some districts found minor repairs needed.

Reports indicate that roads will be accessible in all parts of the county, with the possible exception to the extreme ends of badly washed areas.

Work on a new well is expected to be completed at the Elk-Trail school by Jan. 3 and and water systems are expected Lone Pine school's new sewage to be completed soon.

## Russian Budget Trimming Doubted

Washington—(U.P.)—Congressional leaders doubted today that Russia really has trimmed its defense spending budget.

Moscow announced Monday that it would cut military spending 8.5 per cent next year. But congressmen cautioned that the Kremlin "propaganda" is no basis for changing U.S. defense plans.

"I don't think we can rely on statements that emanate from the Russian government," Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) said. "Therefore, unless we get confirmation from other reliable sources, we shouldn't be affected by her purported actions."

## Settlement Reached In Wilsonville Crash

Portland—(U.P.)—A \$1900 compromise settlement in a \$6891 damage suit brought against the U.S. government by three property owners near Wilsonville where a B-29 bomber crashed in 1952 was approved today by Federal Judge Gus J. Solomon.

The property owners are Norman and Sadie Taylor and Ida Myers. They complained the bomber destroyed fences and damaged a house plus hay, grass and corn crops.

The 11 occupants of the B-29 were killed after a mid-air collision with a jet fighter which later landed safely.

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## 420 Traffic Deaths Over New Year's Seen

Chicago—(U.P.)—Safety experts feared today that the nation will follow its all-time "Black Christmas" holiday massacre with a New Year's record for deaths on the highways.

The National Safety council said the "cold figures" forced it to predict 420 deaths in traffic crashes during the holiday period between 6 p.m. next Friday to midnight Monday.

A 420 death toll would be far below the record total of 621 persons who died in traffic during the three-day Christmas holiday last week. But it would set a new record for a New Year's holiday—making it the second shameful mark set in the nation within a period of one week.

Many state governors, shocked by the all-time, all-holiday Christmas toll, moved quickly to hold down the death count next week end.

## Cold, Fair Weather Forecast for Valley

Temperatures dropped to an official low of 25 degrees last night as weather in the Medford vicinity continued a transition from last week's wet and mild to cold and fair.

The mercury at the Medford station of the weather bureau was expected to fall to a low of 20 degrees tonight. No sharp warmup for several days is foreseen. However, fair weather is anticipated tomorrow with early morning fog clearing by noon.

Only a trace of precipitation was reported at the weather station at the airport in the 24 hours up to 4:30 a.m. today. But some snow fell last night and thin layers of the snow froze to the tops of automobiles.

## DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industries 484.22 off 1.59; 20 railroads 163.09 off 0.30; 15 utilities 64.13 up 0.01; and 65 stocks 171.85 off 0.39. Sales today were about 1,390,000 shares compared with 2,010,000 shares traded yesterday.

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## Road Conditions

Highway 99—Over Siskiyou, packed snow, carrying chains advised; 8 inches new snow; 11 inches total. North, Highway 99 is open.

Highway 66—Green Springs packed snow, carrying chains advised; 2 inches new snow.

Highway 199—Slick over Oregon mountain; closed earlier today, expected to open early this afternoon.

Highway 101—Between Laytonville and Eureka, Calif., open to emergency traffic only with daylight convoy; closed at Coquille.

Highway 42—Coquille to Myrtle Point open to one-way traffic with delays; Myrtle Point to Roseburg, closed by slides.

Gold Beach to Port Orford—open to light traffic only, delays up to one hour.

Highway 62—Packed snow, carrying chains advised; 2 inches new snow.

Crater Lake National Park—Highway 62 and road to rim open; chains required. Annie Springs to rim, advised on Highway 62. 5 inches new snow; present depth 84 inches; skiing fair.

## Weather

FORECAST: Fair and cold tonight with valley fog early Thursday morning, clearing by noon. Low tonight 20. High Thursday 40. Temp. Highest Yesterday 40. Lowest This Morning 25. Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today, Trace.

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Cecile and Yvonne "will be working."

But at Notre Dame de L'Esperance hospital, officials said student nurses Cecile and Yvonne had worked through Christmas day and were to take a three-day holiday at New Years.

In North Bay, Ont., Oliva Dionne, the girls' father, made no effort to hide his grief that none of the "Quints" had returned home for Christmas.

He publicly blamed "outside intruders for this separation" but refused to identify the "outsiders."

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