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Ike's Decision On Reaction To York

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower returned to the "full swing" of the presidency today. He still hasn't decided finally whether to run for reelection. How he reacts to a stepped-up pace of work will be one of the determining factors. He soon will get down to brass tacks discussions with his advisers on the second term issue.

terday that he was ready to resume full operations, although he still must undergo a series of medical checkups. He told newsmen yesterday that his health is one of the key factors in formulating a final decision whether to seek reelection. He said his answer might come before March 1 or it might be later.

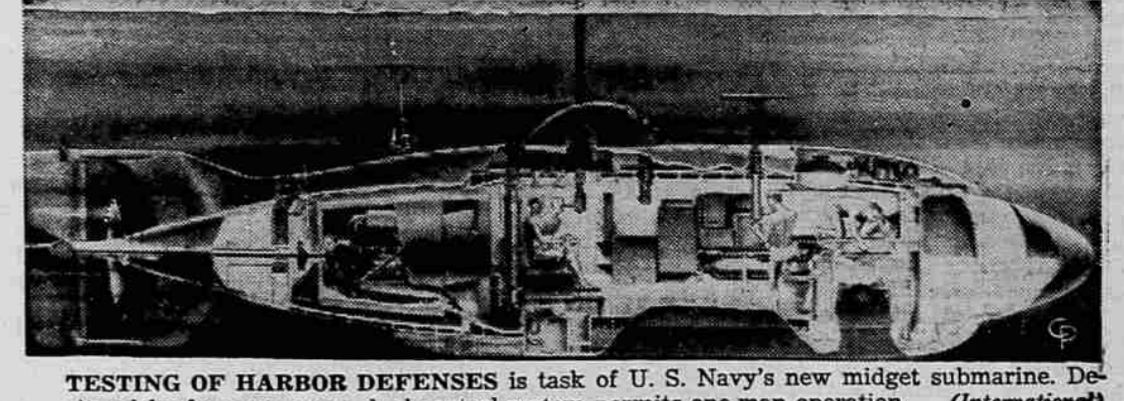
port, in a copyrighted article, reported that three out of five heart specialists who replied to a survey believe the President is physically able to serve a second term. It said 141 specialists thought he could serve while 93 felt he would not be able physically to do so. Of those polled, 181 did not reply and 29 did not "answer directly the questions presented." The survey was conducted for the magazine by Benson and Benson, Inc., Princeton, N. J., an independent research organization. The American Medical Association had urged in an editorial in the AMA Journal that the questionnaires be thrown in the wastebasket by doctors receiving them.

Welfare Chairman Comes to Defense Of Blanche Lyman Letter 'Vindictive,' A.S.V. Carpenter Says

Alfred S. V. Carpenter, chairman of the Jackson County Public Welfare Commission, today added his voice to the defense of Mrs. Blanche Lyman, ousted administrator of the welfare department here. In a cablegram to the Mail Tribune from the Virgin Islands, where he is vacationing, the commission chairman stated that "Blanche Lyman has been an efficient, hardworking and loyal administrator of Jackson county welfare, and has had a loyal and devoted staff."

Ike's Message Features Plan For 'Soil Bank'

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower today offered Congress a nine-point farm program featuring a billion dollar a year "soil bank" plan aimed at reducing the nation's "mountainous surpluses" of wheat, cotton and other crops. The soil bank plan is designed to bring about an immediate "voluntary" cut of about 20 per cent in the acreage allotted to farmers for major surplus crops, and a long range diversion of about 25,000,000 acres of cropland to trees, grass and other conservation planting.



TESTING OF HARBOR DEFENSES is task of U. S. Navy's new midget submarine. Designed for four-man crew, dual control system permits one-man operation. (International)

Acapulco Returns To Normal After Series of Quakes

Acapulco, Mexico—(U.P.)—This coastal resort city returned to normal today after a series of 10 earthquakes frightened residents and tourists yesterday. Thirty five persons were injured, three seriously, in the quakes, but no deaths were reported. Police said no Americans were hurt. One building collapsed and several fires broke out in the poorer sections of the city. Another major quake hit parts of Southern Peru and Northern Chile. Tourists, many of them Americans, streamed into the streets when the ground began to lurch. Flying glass caused many minor injuries, but it was not known whether any Americans were hurt. One new home on the shore was shaken to rubble in a few seconds. Street lights burst under the impact of the tremor, showering glass on the pavement.

Investigation of Al Sarena Claims Resumes Tuesday

A Senate subcommittee headed by Sen. W. Kerr Scott (D-NC) will resume its investigation in the Al Sarena Mines, Inc., case in Washington, D. C., tomorrow, according to dispatches from Washington. Scott, who announced the hearing, claims the Al Sarena corporation purchased about \$500,000 worth of federal timberlands in Rogue River National Forest for \$2,355. The company has 23 claims, 15 of which have been disputed, in the Elk creek mining district. Charges 'Scheme' Scott said hearings in Portland last November "very strongly indicate the department of the interior concocted a

scheme to deal from the bottom of the deck and pass under the table about one half million dollars worth of publicly owned timber to a private company." Scott declared that about \$100,000 worth of timber has been cut from 473 acres he said the mining corporation bought for \$2,355. He said the company told the government it planned to develop possible gold and silver deposits, and that about \$400,000 worth of timber remains. Charles P. McDonald and Herbert McDonald, owners of the corporation, late last month said the \$100,000 worth of timber is "several hundred per cent off" but did not elaborate. Invited To Hearings The McDonald brothers, who live in Medford, are among witnesses invited to appear at the Washington hearings, according to the dispatch. Also invited to appear are Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.) and D. Ford McCormick, a private mining engineer. McCormick lives near Eagle Point. Scott listed several witnesses scheduled to appear. They include R. H. Appling Jr., Spokane, Wash., employee of the bureau of mines; J. R. Thoenen, Norris, Tenn., bureau employee formerly stationed in Washington; Thomas Miller, acting director of the bureau; R. E. McArdle, chief of the Forest service; M. E. Volin, Ann Arbor, Mich., chief of research of the University of Michigan school of mines and former northwest director of the bureau of mines, and Phillip Gabriel, Mobile, Ala., an official of the Al Sarena Mines, Inc. Following the Portland hearings, Scott issued a statement in which he said that study of the testimony there revealed "conditions and activities in the department of interior that are unbelievable." Scott said the 15 claims disputed were originally turned down, but the case was reopened by the interior department in 1953.

New Jordan Demonstrations King Reaffirms Authority With New Government

Jerusalem—(U.P.)—Jordan radio announced today that King Hussein has appointed a new government in Amman to "reaffirm the authority of law and discipline" in his riot-torn country. New demonstrations were reported in Damascus, Syria, and in Jordan after a week end of anti-Western rioting which sent Americans fleeing to the Israeli sector of Jerusalem. American sources said no Americans were injured. But four Marine sentries were sent to reinforce the guard at the U. S. Consulate in the Jordanian sector of the city. Jordan's new Premier, Samir E. Rifa, was sworn in by King Hussein. He called an immediate cabinet meeting to find ways of ending the Communist and Nationalist-led uprisings against the pro-Western Baghdad Pact which have toppled two other governments in a month. Communists Blamed In a broadcast statement, King Hussein mentioned the "wave of disturbances throughout this brave country," but did not identify those who took part. However, previous Amman broadcasts have identified "Communist elements" as being responsible for much of the violence. This view was underlined today when the British Foreign Office in London said "A certain amount of Communist activity" helped promote the Jordan rioting. A curfew imposed throughout Jordan in the wake of the violence, which Syrian press reports said resulted in 11 killed, 38 wounded and 294 injured, was lifted for two hours today. Pilgrims Enter Gate The move was made to permit pilgrims stranded in Jordan while on Epiphany visits to the holy places of Christendom to return to Israel through the Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem. However, only 15 Israel Greek Orthodox pilgrims made their way back before the curfew was reimposed. The returnees said the Arab Legion fired shots in the Jordan sector of Jerusalem again today. Some 500 to 600 Israeli Arabs and hundreds of other visitors, mostly from Syria and Lebanon, were still marooned in Jordan.



WILLIAM E. HEALY To Resign on March 1

Eastern Seaboard Turned To Ice By Freezing Rain

New York—(U.P.)—A blustering storm carrying snow, sleet and rain coated highways from Maine to Virginia with treacherous ice today, causing numerous traffic deaths and cutting automobile and bus transportation at least in half. At least nine persons were reported dead in the wake of the storm which was the winter's worst on the Eastern Seaboard. Two Air National Guardsmen were reported missing in a bomber that disappeared off Long Island. Deaths were reported in Maine, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey. The storm was the result of a near-hurricane disturbance in the Atlantic between the U. S. coast and Bermuda. New York City and its sprawling suburbs were the hardest hit, with only 800 of the city's 1700 buses running at the morning rush hour. The Transit Authority said the transportation tie-up was the worst since the memorable sleet storm of 1949. Police department switchboards were flooded with minor accident calls. Orders went out to motorists to slow down, cars crept along treacherous streets or stalled helplessly. In New York City, Dr. William Jansen, superintendent of schools, cancelled all school buses. Pedestrians found walking on some streets virtually impossible. Dozens were hospitalized with injuries from falls. Scores of automobile accidents occurred along the Eastern Seaboard. The drizzle—so fine it could be called a mist—began falling late last night, glazing streets and sidewalks with a dangerously slippery film. The film began to disappear during the morning rush hour as temperatures rose suddenly in the freakish storm. Despite the icing, warm moist air covered much of the area early today and spread rain as far west as Ohio and West Virginia. Temperatures were below freezing in most of Dixie, and high winds lashed the coastline.

Healy Quits Job As Aide To Newbry

Salem—(U.P.)—William E. Healy, assistant secretary of state since 1947, submitted his resignation today to Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry, effective March 1. Healy said he had no definite plans for the future but expected to be able to make an announcement in the next 30 days. Before his appointment as assistant secretary of state, Healy was manager of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce. For several years he was in the newspaper business in the state of Washington. As assistant secretary of state, Healy has handled many negotiations with other states on reciprocity on motor vehicle licenses, a subject on which he was considered an outstanding authority, one of the best posted men in the nation on reciprocity. Newbry was in Ashland today and not available here for comment on whom he might appoint to succeed Healy.

Civil Defense Leader To Discuss Flood Aid

Col. A. M. Sheets, director of the Oregon state civil defense agency, was to arrive here this afternoon to discuss administration of federal funds in repairing flood damage. Representatives of the federal defense agency and the bureau of public roads are expected to accompany Sheets. They will confer with Maj. Gen. Joseph Hicks, county civil defense director, and other county officials. Federal funds have been made available for financial assistance for work essential to "preservation of life and property," such as clearing wreckage and debris on public facilities, and replacement of damaged civil defense equipment. Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Appointment of Dr. Peter H. Odegaard, former president of Reed College at Portland, Ore., to the team that will survey the University of Nevada has been announced by Dr. D. E. McHenry, survey director.

Minetti Appointment Goes Before Senate

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower formally sent to the Senate today the controversial nomination of G. Joseph Minetti, a Brooklyn Democrat, as a member of the Civil Aeronautics Board. Minetti, now a member of the Federal Maritime Board, would succeed Josh Lee. He was named for a six-year term. Minetti had been given a sweeping appointment but his reassignment, in scheduled for the day congress reconvened, was deferred by Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney (D-Okla.) insisted that the Senate should first pass on his qualifications.

Nixon Will Celebrate 43rd Birthday Tonight

Washington—(U.P.)—Vice-President Richard Nixon celebrates his 43rd birthday at a party tonight at which most of the top Republicans are expected to attend. Among the anticipated 400 guests will be all the GOP congress members, all members of the Cabinet, and officials of the Republican National Committee. It is doubtful that President Eisenhower will be there, however. Corvallis—(U.P.)—Walter Schwedler manager of the Wash-Ore. Turkey hatchery at Portland, has been elected vice-president of the National Turkey Federation.

Nugget in Gizzard Of Grants Pass Goose

Grants Pass—(U.P.)—The goose didn't lay a golden egg but it had a golden nugget in its gizzard. The tiny nugget was found by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Stover in the goose they had for New Year's dinner. Stover believes the nugget came from a chicken lot where geese had been feeding.

Oregon Traffic Accidents Kill Four Over Week End

By UNITED PRESS Four Oregonians died as the result of week end traffic accidents from Friday night through Sunday night. Three of the victims were women. Orville Halverson, 30, Monmouth, died in a Salem hospital early today from injuries suffered in a two-car collision about three miles north of Monmouth. His wife, Marcia, was reported in serious condition. State police said Halverson, a deaf mute, apparently was caught between the car he had been driving, which had become stalled on the highway at the entrance to his home, and the car in which Mrs. Denise Reden, Monmouth, was driving. Mrs. Reden was treated for a lip injury. Mrs. Margaret A. Headley, 46, Newberg, died from injuries suffered near southwest Portland Saturday night when she was struck by a panel truck. Delora Lydia Neuschwander, 19, Harrisburg, was killed Friday night in a collision four miles north of Harrisburg. Mrs. Anna Dallas, 70, Canby, was injured fatally Friday night when struck by a car while walking along the edge of the highway at New Era.

Threat of Flooding Eases in Oregon

Portland—(U.P.)—The threat of flooding streams eased considerably today with cooler weather and only moderate rainfall over western Oregon. The weather bureau said a new storm would move inland over Oregon today, but that it only moderate winter intensity. State police said slides had been cleared from most Oregon roads, but advised chains in all mountain passes. A secondary highway closed by a slide Saturday night between Park Place and Carver was still unusable Sunday. Installation of an army Bailey bridge over collapsed Salmon Creek highway bridge on U.S. 99 north of Vancouver, Wash., was completed Sunday morning. Police said traffic was moving in both directions over the army span. City Planners Slate Zone Change Hearing The Medford planning commission at its 7:30 p.m. meeting today will hold a public hearing on rezoning the section of Laurelhurst addition which was annexed last year. City officials previously surveyed the area to determine zones applicable. Also on tonight's agenda is a report on recommendations for an agricultural zone. 2 Announce Candidacies For Legislative Offices Salem—(U.P.)—C. E. Red Nichols, a Portland barber, filed his candidacy for democratic state representative from Multnomah county today. Elections division head Dave O'Hara said the petition of R. E. Chapman, Coos Bay, for the Democratic nomination for state senator from Coos and Curry counties also was received. DOW-JONES AVERAGES New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages; 30 industrials 279.74, off 5.94; 20 railroads 158.69, off 2.44; 15 utilities 63.61, off 0.43; 65 stocks 169.38, off 2.10. Sales today were about 2,700,000 shares compared with 2,570,000 Friday. Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said he is offering a second research internship on his staff here. Graduating seniors interested in political science are eligible for one-year internship which begins Sept. 1. The salary is \$3987.

High Court Rules On Habeas Corpus

Washington—(U.P.)—The Supreme Court today upheld in two separate cases the principle that a federal court should grant a hearing to a prisoner who claims he got an unfair trial in state courts. Both actions tended to broaden the application of the writ of habeas corpus, the ancient guarantee of Anglo-Saxon law against wrongful imprisonment. In one case, the high court unanimously ordered a hearing for a Pennsylvania prisoner, Stephen J. Herman, who claimed that state police forced him to confess to burglary, larceny, forgery and other charges. State courts had refused to give Herman a habeas corpus hearing. In a similar case, the court left standing a ruling by the Ninth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals granting a federal court hearing to Albert Gonzales, a Seattle man accused of murder. Gonzales charged police beat him to obtain a confession. He took his plea to federal courts after state courts ruled against his request for a habeas corpus hearing. The court recessed until next Monday without acting on four major national security cases on its docket.

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Meteorite Seen in Valley Last Night

A bright meteorite or shooting star, in the west about 5:20 p.m. yesterday was witnessed by some local residents. The meteorite descended fairly rapidly in what appeared to be a southerly direction, shortly after sunset. Mrs. John B. Lynch, 139 Kenwood ave., and her two children reported they saw the object. She said it was huge compared to most shooting stars, and described it as pale greenish or bluish in color. Another witness reported the meteorite to have a yellowish hue as the color of burning sulphur book match. Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—A "flying saucer," the first of 1955 in this area, was reported by Klamath and Lake county residents yesterday. State police said residents reported seeing a "fast-moving illuminated object" casting an "eerie green light" at about 5 p.m. Sunday. It disappeared within a few minutes over hills west of Klamath Falls.

Business To Be Good in 1956, Bank Head Claims

Portland—(U.P.)—The president of the First National Bank of Portland said today that business will be good this year but perhaps not as good as in 1955. C. B. Steppenson, addressing the Chamber of Commerce, cited a tightening up on housing credit, a reduction in automobile production and a prediction of some further recession in farm prices as warning signals on the economic horizon. Frozen Food, Cannery Companies Tell Merger Portland—(U.P.)—Merger of the Northwest Frozen Foods association with the Northwest Cannery association was approved today by the former group at its annual meeting here. Cannery approved consolidation last week. The two groups have about 65 member firms in Oregon, Washington and Idaho and pack products worth about \$261,000,000 a year. Northampton, Mass.—(U.P.)—Playwright Theodore S. Cox, 49, who won an Oscar for co-authoring the movie "The Greatest Show on Earth," committed suicide in a Veterans' hospital here today.

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight, increasing cloudiness Tuesday morning with rain by afternoon. Low tonight 38. High Tuesday 45. Temp. Highest yesterday 46. Lowest this morning 30.