

Eisenhower's Family May Play Major Role in Decision On Second Term

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Washington — (U.P.) — The substantial majority of White House news reporters who are convinced that President Eisenhower will not run again are much influenced by the attitude of the family.



Long before Mr. Eisenhower was stricken, Washington, W.D., was discussing the report that Mrs. Eisenhower opposed a second term. She was said to be supported by her son, Maj. John S. Eisenhower, and by her mother, Mrs. John S. Doud.

Reports of the family attitude against a possible second term are solidly founded. All hands, however, do not give the same weight to the influence of the President's family upon his political decisions. It has been revealed now that Mr. Eisenhower has discussed his political future with some of his associates and plans to explore the subject much further with them. He said so last Sunday at Key West.

Announce Exams For Civil Service Jobs

Examinations for several civil service positions were announced recently.

Positions in the bureau of reclamation include engineering aids, draftsmen and construction inspectors. Vacancies exist at bureau offices and projects in 17 western states.

Examinations also are under way for correctional officers for duty with the bureau of prisons at various locations including McNeil Island institution at Steilacoom, Wash.

Positions also are open for equipment specialist and editorial and personnel clerk in the Washington, D.C., area; student trainee in agricultural economics, agricultural statistics and biological and plant sciences throughout the country; actuary and dental officer in the Washington, D.C., area.

Application blanks and additional information may be obtained from post offices and district civil service offices.

in on the discussions, recently had been getting together to canvass the 1956 prospects. Former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, several cabinet members and at least one former Army comrade were parties to the various exchanges.

Doors Still Open
It was their judgment, perhaps

based on ideas of some of them had exchanged with the President, that his son and womenfolk would have little to do with his final decision on a second term. It is quite obvious that family opposition has not yet persuaded Mr. Eisenhower to close the door to another campaign for the White House.

He has said he has not finally made up his mind. Now comes James C. Hagerty, presidential secretary, with some carefully chosen words of comment on the fact that Mr. Eisenhower's name will be presented in the Illinois presidential primary. Illinois Gov. William G. Stratton announced Wednesday that he

would enter Mr. Eisenhower as a Republican presidential candidate. Hagerty said there would be no statement of assent or dissent from the White House on Stratton's plan. He emphasized, as did Mr. Eisenhower at Key West that no "ultimate decision" has been made. And, Hagerty added:

"That decision he, and he alone, will make."

late Robert E. Serwood in his book, "Roosevelt and Hopkins" recalled that Mrs. Roosevelt was sturdily opposed to a third term. FDR usually accepted her advice on politics. But not that time. He didn't say yes and he didn't say no right up to the time the 1940 Democratic National Convention was in session. Then Mr. Roosevelt released the hundreds of delegates

who had been pledged in primaries and by state leaders without either his consent or opposition. But the delegates wouldn't shoo away. Although released, they nominated FDR again. It was the best organized spontaneous draft on record. Back there in 1940, as now, the great majority of party leaders wanted the man in the White House to stay put.

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Science Gathering Case Against Air Pollution as Cancer Cause

By DELOS SMITH
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New York — (U.P.) — The newest scientific contribution to the controversy over what is responsible for the remarkable rise in lung cancers makes an impressive case against the polluted atmospheres of industrialized cities, and lets cigarette smoking off the hook.

Like previous studies, including those which indicted cigarette smoking, this one was statistical. It was made in New Zealand where there are fewer of the statistical "variables" which weaken studies of such populations as that of the United States.

In New Zealand the white population came from one place, the British Isles, and so its members are similar in background and racial stock. The native born population is descended from Brits (for the most part) than a hundred years ago, which neatly eliminates another variable.

Total Cancer Deaths
David F. Eastcott, assistant director of the National Health Institute of New Zealand, began his study with the total of cancer deaths among white New Zealanders from 1949 through 1953. He divided these between whites who were native born and whites who had been immigrants.

Now he had two sets of figures. He divided each set according to the site of the fatal cancer—stomach, lung, prostate gland, breast, and so on. Then he was ready to compare the two

sets. For no site except one was there a statistically significant difference in cancer incidence between native born New Zealanders and the immigrant New Zealanders.

The one exception was lung cancer. For all immigrants, the chances of dying of lung cancer were 30 per cent higher than for the native born. For immigrants who went to New Zealand when 30 years old or older, the chances were 75 per cent



BLASTING Burton Abbott's alibi, Mrs. Leona Dezman testifies she saw murder trial defendant in Oakland shortly before kidnap-slaying of Stephanie Bryan, 14. (International)

higher. Citing per capita tobacco consumption in the British Isles and New Zealand, he remarked that "differences in habits of tobacco-smoking are unlikely to contribute to this picture." In 50 years beginning in 1900, the New Zealand consumption has always been higher than in the British Isles.

But England and Wales, which contributed most of the immigrants, are heavily industrialized, with many industrial cities and towns. New Zealand is very lightly industrialized.

Eastcott was emphatic — for a statistician. "The conclusion follows that immigrants from Great Britain to New Zealand are affected by their former environment and that this effect is related to the length of exposure in that environment," he said. His findings were "in keeping with what is known of the mode of action of the carcinogens (cancer-causing chemicals) isolated from the atmospheres of industrial cities."

VHMCP Region Group Meets in Portland

Several recently appointed members of the Region XV committee of the Voluntary Home Mortgage Credit program, among them Mark Goldy, Medford mortgage loan broker, attended their first meeting of the committee in Portland recently.

The VHMCP is an organization of private firms and agencies which has as its purpose the extension of financing facilities to areas remote from usual credit channels, and to minority groups, to the end that everyone will have equal opportunities to qualify for a home loan.

In Region XV, which includes Oregon and Washington, some \$4,000,000 in loans were placed during the first 10 months of operation.

County Librarians To Attend Meeting

Two Jackson county librarians plan to attend a meeting of the Oregon Library association's library development committee in Salem this weekend. They are Miss Cora Mason, librarian at Ashland, and Miss Helen Webster, librarian at Medford.

Miss Eleanor Brown, librarian of the Deschutes County library and chairman of the committee, said the increase in population in Oregon has resulted in inadequate libraries, and a study and active library development program is necessary. She noted that in many sections of the state there are no public libraries.

The committee recently made a two-year survey of conditions. The committee hopes to acquaint residents with current library conditions to point to the need for more adequate local library support and to secure legislation for a development program in areas unable to establish libraries without aid.

Miss Brown said county area committees will be organized soon, and persons in this area interested may contact either Miss Mason in Ashland or Miss Webster in Medford.

Surveys Start On Jacksonville Sewer

Jacksonville — Surveying began here recently to determine the feasibility and possible location of a city sewage system.

Funds for the survey of the proposed system are being provided by the federal housing and home finance department. If the project is feasible an election will be held. If the people vote for construction of the sewage system, the federal government will be reimbursed by the city for cost of the survey.

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