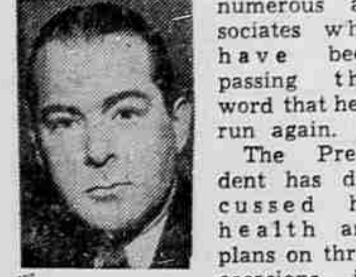


Eisenhower Puts Chill Into Those Advocating Another Term as President

Remarks Made at Conferences Said To Hint at Refusal

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Washington (U.P.)—President Eisenhower has jarred some of the starch out of those numerous associates who have been passing the word that he'd run again.



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The President has discussed his health and plans on three occasions in the past 10 days—publicly, that is. He has not said yes or no. But it does seem easier to read a bit of news into his recent remarks than to find any yes. Judge for yourself: News conference Jan. 19—"It would be idle to pretend that my health can be wholly restored to the excellent shape in which the doctors believed it to be in early September. At the same time, my doctors report to me that the progress I am making toward a reasonable level of strength is normal and satisfactory. My future life must be regulated to avoid excessive fatigue. The personal decision (whether to run again) will be rendered as soon as it is firmly fixed in my mind. I shall strive to see that it is based as to my best judgment on the good of the country."

Chill in the Air
An agitated wet-finger-in-the-wind brigade sensed in those words a hint against renomination. Not all agreed, of course, on that. But there was, indeed, a chill in the air.

Salute to Eisenhower Dinner, Jan. 20—"It appears that this is a question that first I alone must answer. That answer will be forthcoming as soon as it is firmly fixed in my mind. I trust that it will not unduly reflect concern for self."

On the capital's delicate political mechanism, the reference to concern for self was recorded as a hint that Mr. Eisenhower might retire.

News conference, Jan. 25—"Now, I have to guess as to the next five years, and the problem is what will be the effect on the presidency, not on me, and that is the problem; and you can yourself, without any long dissertation here, just lay out all the factors of the energy, the intensity with which you can attack your problems, the zip and zest that you can take into conferences when you have to get something done for the good of the U.S. Now, that is my problem, and I hope I am not going to dilly dally too long about it."

Good Omen To Some

Mr. Eisenhower's prose style in conferences usually is as cloudy as the foregoing. On the whole, however, the quoted paragraph was accepted by some of his associates as a good omen for another term. There were others, however, who called it the beginning of the end. On the same day in response to a question whether his family objected to another term, Mr. Eisenhower punched out a snappy: "No! Sounded like he meant it, too, but there are those who believe he might be mistaken."

In contrast to the foregoing high level talk and sentiments, there is the earthy comment of a close political associate:

"Sure, Ike will run again. He won't want to sit up there in Gettysburg looking at those cows while Stevenson is president of the United States."

Mr. Eisenhower at his Jan. 25 news conference—"There are so many things that I have to do—I have piled up stacks of books I never have had a chance to read, and I am trying to get through. I, as you know, daub with paints; I like the actual roaming around of a farm. I love animals. I like to go out and see them. I have got a thousand things to do in this world, so I don't think I would be bored at Gettysburg, no matter what it was."

E. Germans Tighten Controls on Trains

Berlin (U.P.)—The East German Communists have tightened controls on trains running from the Soviet Zone to East Berlin, West Berlin police said today.

Police headquarters were trying to curb the flow of East German visitors to an agriculture show in West Berlin.

They said Communist police were carrying out thorough checks on trains running to East Berlin and that passengers were being questioned about their travels. No arrests were reported.

Americans eat an average of 14 pounds of hamburger and other ground beef a year.

Mesa, Ariz., Newspaper Plant Damaged by Fire

Mesa, Ariz. (U.P.)—Damage was estimated at \$250,000 today from a fire which destroyed the Mesa Tribune, Mesa's only daily newspaper.

Firemen fought the blaze for several hours early yesterday before controlling it. There were no injuries.

The paper was expected to try to continue publishing through emergency measures.

On The Side

By R. V. DURLING
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The inadvertent omission of the inactivation of May brides from a recent quoting here of the bride's calendar inspired great indignation from feminine subscribers married in that month. The calendar says: "The May bride is fair of face, sweet tempered and contented." Some young fellows who plan to enter a state of matrimony within the next three months may have missed our bride's calendar report. For their benefit the Calendar's characterizations for the first quarter of the year are repeated. January: "A prudent housewife and sweet of temper." February: "An affectionate wife and loving mother." March: "A frivolous chattermag given to quarreling."

Asking
Queries from clients. Q—Who first said, "Money does not make you happy but it quiets the nerves"? I have seen it credited to Jack Benny, Milton Berle, Dorothy Parker and George Gobel. . . . A—The line you quote was originated by Sean O'Casey in his play titled "The Plough and the Stars."

Q—What is the Latin inscription for a wedding ring that means "may it last forever"? A.—"Esto perpetua."

Notes

"When I want any good head-work done I always choose a man, if suitable otherwise, with a large nose." That's what Napoleon Bonaparte said. It is, therefore very interesting to note that Wellington who overcame Bonaparte at Waterloo had a very large nose. As for the headwork of other men with large noses, consider "Heady Eddie" Arcaro, America's greatest jockey, who is also referred to as "Banana Nose."

Guide to Gals

The best receptionists are those born under Libra (Sept. 24-October 23). They are generally good looking and smart and provocative dressers. They make an excellent decoration for the front office. The Libra girls are also adept in flirting judiciously with a customer and keeping him in good humor while he is waiting. Or, so say the stargazers.

Japan Note

Japan has a higher percentage of persons wearing glasses than any other nation. That's because the average Japanese almost completely ruins his eyesight learning to read. A Japanese character knows 5,000 different characters before he can read a newspaper. Nevertheless, despite these difficulties, 95 per cent of Japan's adult population is literate. Only 10 per cent of Chinese know how to read.

Sidelights

Kilkenny is usually connected with cats. But in that part of Ireland are grown some of the world's most beautiful roses. Tom Moore wrote "The Last Rose of Summer" in a garden in Kilkenny. . . . Why Franz Schubert didn't finish his "Unfinished Symphony" has never been definitely decided. However, it couldn't have been because he was lazy. In one year Schubert composed five operas, two symphonies, two masses and 146 songs.

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TOP SECRET PAPERS—Unidentified reporter looks at briefcase in which top secret file of radar and Nike defenses of the East Coast were found in a car in the Dorchester section of Boston. The auto belonged to Robert Himmler, 31, a Cumberland, Md., engineer. Apparently murdered, Himmler's body was found in a Georgetown, Mass., cemetery.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Baltimore—Henry L. Mencken—author, critic, language authority and the "Sage of Baltimore" who died Sunday—in his epitaph written several years ago: "If, after I depart this vale, you ever remembered me and have thought to please my ghost, forgive some sinner and wink your eye at some homely girl."

New York—Critic George Jean Nathan on the death of H. L. Mencken: "We were dearest friends for 42 years and editors together for 20 years. We had glorious times together and I feel the loss terribly."

Washington—Rep. James E. Van Zandt (R-Pa.) on the vital race between the United States and Russia to perfect an intercontinental ballistic missile, the "ultimate weapons": "We're not sure what Russia has and what she does not have. But we're taking no chances and we're going to put forth every possible effort to build that missile at the earliest possible date."

Topeka, Kan.—Leadell Hall, wife of Kansas Gov. Fred Hall, who rocked social circles in the state capital with a change in the color of her hair, from brown to blonde: "Well, why not change the color? You get tired of the same hair, the same as you get tired of the same clothes."

Washington—House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack in a political attack against the Eisenhower administration: "I wonder where this famous team is that's supposed to be running the administration."

Seoul, Korea—Businessman Veldis Arvel Kelly of Vandalia, Ill., who came to Korea to adopt six orphans and settled for three: "I learned that a lot of abandoned GI babies are already spoken for. So I had to give up the idea of taking six. Instead I decided to take three. I shouldn't be hoggish."

Boston—William Norton, deputy prime minister of Ireland, on the United States: "I am greatly impressed with the immensity of the United States. It is not a country—but a continent. It is so vast."

Manchester, N.H.—Republican Senate Leader William Knowland on the importance of a "speedy announcement" of President Eisenhower's 1956 plans:

"I believe he will forthrightly issue a statement that will clarify the atmosphere before the 15th of February. Otherwise he would have, in effect, a nullification of the electoral process."

Senator Merrifield Seeks Reelection

Portland (U.P.)—State senator John Merrifield announced his candidacy for reelection to the Oregon State Senate yesterday. Merrifield has served in two previous sessions of the state Legislature.

In making the announcement Merrifield said "Many months ago I stated publicly that I would seek the Republican nomination for United States Senator if Gov-

ernor Patterson decided not to seek that office. Now that he has announced his candidacy, I will seek reelection to the state Senate and lend my entire support to assuring his election to the national office."

Moroccan medicine shops rent dried cobra skins by the day. For a headache, they are wrapped around the brow; for a sore throat, around the neck.

Songwriter's Funeral Services Pending

Glendale, Calif. (U.P.)—Funeral services were pending at Forest Lawn Mortuary today for songwriter Lewis John Tableporter, who composed such songs as "Beautiful Ohio" and "By The Sea." Tableporter, known professionally as Lew Porter, died of

a heart attack yesterday at his home in nearby North Hollywood. He was 63.

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