

# IKE VETOES NATURAL GAS BILL

## Shipment of Tanks To Saudi Arabia Halted by Order

Washington—(U.P.)—The administration, prodded by loud congressional protests, early today halted the delivery of 18 light U.S. tanks to Saudi Arabia. Cancellation of the shipment came some 12 hours after the United Press disclosed that the tanks were ready for loading aboard the SS James Monroe and that the ship was due to sail from Brooklyn, N. Y., today. The disclosure brought demands for a Senate investigation and a denunciation of the shipment by Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban. Shipments Suspended

ment to Saudi Arabia brought strong protests from congressmen who favored fulfilling Israel's arms request to counter earlier Communist weapons sales to Egypt.



THOMAS REEDER Announces Intention

## Reeder Announces He Will Seek DA's Office in County

Thomas J. Reeder, 30, of 135 North Ivy st., has announced his intention of filing his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for district attorney.

Reeder came to Medford in April, 1954 as deputy district attorney, a position he held for about six months. He came to Oregon in 1951 and was assistant attorney general for 3 1/2 years, acting as attorney for the State Highway Commission. He has never run for public office.

Reeder was born at Fort Gibson, Okla., attended public schools there and took pre-law training at Northwestern University. He took his law degree at the University of Oklahoma law school.

During World War II he was a combat infantryman in the European theater and was discharged as a private first class. He was the first Medford junior chamber of commerce vice-president; state junior chamber of commerce safety chairman; and head of the 1955 March of Dimes drive. He is married and a member of First Presbyterian church.

Following his term as deputy district attorney here, Reeder opened his own office for the general practice of law at 216 East Main st.

His campaign manager is William V. Deatherage, Medford attorney.

## President Plays Nine-Hole Round; Shoots Rusty 47

Thomasville, Ga.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower returned to the golf course today for the first time since his heart attack and played nine holes in a creditable but admittedly rusty 47.

The chief executive played half of the Glen Arven Country Club course in wet, misty weather which did not dampen his ardor for the game.

He said with pronounced feeling, "I've been looking forward to this," as he banged out his first drive of about 200 yards.

As the President finished the ninth hole with an 11-over par total score, he confided frankly to John H. Walter, the club professional:

**A Little Frightened**  
"I'm a little frightened—not only of the strokes, but also, I'm a little frightened of myself."

Maj. Gen. Howard M. Snyder, the White House physician who followed the President around the course, heard of this remark by the President and commented, "That is the hell of a heart attack. You're longer getting over the psychological injury than you are the physical."

Snyder, however, was pleased by his patient's first post-illness visit to the golf course.

**Rough At Start**  
"He was a little rough at the start, but he got better as we went along," the doctor said. "He gradually picked up his tempo."

The President played the nine holes in about an hour and a half, finishing at noon and then returning to the estate of Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey for a lunch and a rest.

## Bids Opened for Eastside Station

Apparent low bidder for construction of the eastside fire station is Myron Corcoran Construction company, Medford, City Manager Robert Duff announced today.

The company bid \$20,990 for construction of the concrete block building. An alternate bid for frame instead of masonry construction was \$21,050. The company bid \$940 for construction of a carport and paving of driveways at the station.

The engineer's estimate for the cost of construction of the station, which will house two fire trucks and provide quarters for eight men, was \$24,500. Bids will be tabulated, analyzed and referred to the city council for action Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Other bids were D. M. Blickenstaff, masonry construction, \$23,363.64; frame construction \$24.95 less; construction of carport and paving, \$1,134.42; R. J. Batzer, masonry, \$23,672.21; frame, \$725.26 less; carport and paving, \$1,454. Myers D. Jones, \$24,697; frame construction, \$312 less; carport and paving, \$1,182; Minchell Construction company, masonry, \$24,985; frame, \$629 less; carport and paving, \$1,483; and L. Ritchie, masonry, \$28,640; frame, \$900 less; carport and paving \$1,109.

## Eisenhower's Brother Expecting Candidacy

El Centro, Calif.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower's older brother said Thursday night he believes the nation's chief executive will seek another term.

Edgar Eisenhower, a Tacoma, Wash., attorney, said he believed Mr. Eisenhower would run again because "as long as we're quarreling with Russia" the President would not want to leave his job unfinished.

"Knowing we Eisenhowers and knowing something of the way his mind works, I believe he hasn't finished his job, and until he does finish that job he'll stay on as long as he can," Edgar Eisenhower said.

## McKay Sees One Dam As 'White Elephant'

Washington—(U.P.)—Interior Secretary Douglas McKay said that one high dam at the fields Canyon project would be a "white elephant."

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## B52 Explodes in Sky



**WEAPONS DRILL**—Cpl. Joseph B. Nolan, left, is shown observing his National Guard Company A squad during practice firing exercises with the 37 millimeter recoilless rifle during regular Tuesday night training. Cpl. Jimmie L. Crosby, kneeling, front, is sighting for the weapon through the M86F telescopic sight. Behind Crosby is Pfc. Robert S. Meadows, assistant gunner, who is preparing the gun for loading. Pfc. Charles A. Brown, kneeling, left, is holding the projectile which will be loaded by Meadows. Pfc. Duane E. Goyette, background, is ammunition bearer. The section leader, Sfc. John R. Alexandro, extreme right, is supervising the instruction. This type of training is available to guardsmen after they finish their recruit training. The National Guard will hold open house at the armory Sunday. —(Birchfield photo)



**COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING**—Lt. Levi G. Monroe, communications officer for Headquarters company, first battalion, 186th infantry division, is shown above explaining the operation of the AN/GRC-7 radio set. Lt. Monroe enlisted as a recruit with Headquarters company in July 1949, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant June 2, 1953. Members of his class are, first row, left to right, James R. Crumley, John D. Hawley, Richard L. Mills, Fred L. Baker, and Maurice R. Butts; second row, Bruce C. Kellington, Wilcey L. Winchell, Dale L. Morgan and Lewis F. Linton. —(Baker's photo)

## Outcome of Greek Vote Waited

Athens, Greece—(U.P.)—A critical election campaign that could produce the West's first pro-Communist "popular front" government went into its final hours today with Greek army and police units on full precautionary alert.

Veteran political observers quoted 50-50 odds that a "popular front" government might emerge from Sunday's parliamentary elections in Greece which would abrogate her commitments with the Western world.

Soviet Russia and her satellites which supported the bloody Communist guerrilla war of 1946-49 in this strategic country

are eagerly awaiting the outcome of the elections.

So is the West, with many vital commitments in the restless Mediterranean and Near East depending on Greece's support as the keystone in the defensive alliances linking the West with the anti-Communist nations of the Middle East and Asia.

Greece is a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; it is aligned with Turkey and Yugoslavia in the Balkan Pact.

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dates for the 300 seats in Parliament.

Basically, the struggle is between pro-Western Premier and Defense Minister Constantine Karamanlis' National Radical Union group (ERE) and a strange "Democratic Union" combine headed by Liberal Party leader George Papandreu and including resurgent Communists.

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## Parts of Giant Plane Scattered Over Wide Area

Four Listed Missing; Four Others Survive

Tracy, Calif.—(U.P.)—A mammoth B52 atomic bomber, the Strategic Air Command's most powerful aerial warrior, was ripped apart with an explosive blast in the sub-stratosphere yesterday, scattering fiery wreckage over a wide area.

It was the first crash involving the eight-jet aircraft since the B52 joined the SAC arsenal only eight months ago.

Four airmen were officially listed as missing, while four others survived after suffering minor injuries in parachute leaps.

The intensity of the explosion was indicated in an appeal by the Air Force. Residents in a 20 by 40 mile area between Sacramento and Stockton in Northern California were asked to be on the lookout for pieces of wreckage, and turn them over to the Highway Patrol, sheriff's offices or nearby air bases.

**Engines Still Lost**  
An investigation headquarters was established at Tracy with 15 helicopters and 150 men dispatched to look for missing parts of the plane. An Air Force spokesman said none of the craft's jet engines, each capable of a 10,000 pound thrust, had been located yet.

A board of qualified officers will be named to determine, if possible, the cause of the blast. However, it is expected to be several weeks before the board's findings are released.

The plane, dubbed the "Stratofortress" by the Air Force, was from Castle AFB near Merced, Calif. It usually carries a crew of six, but a flight manifest listed a crew of eight aboard for a routine training flight.

The possibility of a fifth survivor of the crash who was not identified, he was reported as saying there were nine men aboard.

The Air Force said the other four members of the crew would have to be considered as "missing" because only three bodies were found and none were identified.

**Missing Men Listed**  
The missing men were listed as: Col. Patrick D. Fleming, deputy wing commander of the 93rd Bomb Wing, 38, Castle Gardens, Calif.; Maj. Edward L. Stefanski, 35, Merced, Calif.; Maj. Albert Brown, 39, Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Capt. James K. Frederickson, 32, Atwater, Calif.

The four survivors, who parachuted from a height of approximately 30,000 feet, received burns and minor injuries. Maj. Gen. W. E. Eubank, commander of the 93rd Bombardment Wing at Castle, identified them as:

Maj. Michael Shay, 39, Gary, Ind., co-pilot; Maj. Billie M. Beardsley, 36, Merced, Calif., radioman; Maj. Harold F. Korger, 37, Atwater, Calif., observer, and M/Sgt. Willard Milo Lucy, 34, Sacramento, Calif., tail gunner.

Korger said the first explosion occurred over Sacramento. "The blast knocked out the intercom so I don't know exactly what happened," he said. "I jumped at about 32,000 feet when a second explosion set fire to my compartment."

The death toll was expected to rise when rescue parties fight through freezing snowdrifts to hundreds of isolated villages, towns and farms.

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## Europe Counts 618 Dead in Bitter Cold

London—(U.P.)—Europe today counted 618 dead in the third week of the worst winter in memory and braced for still more cold.

Weather reports from Hamburg, Berlin and Prague reported a high pressure area over Siberia which indicated no immediate relief to the weather-weary of 17 European nations.

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## Lew Wallace Files Suit Against Drew Pearson

Washington—(U.P.)—Lew Wallace of Portland, Ore., filed a \$250,000 libel suit against Columnist-Commentator Drew Pearson.

## Objection To Behind-the-Scene Activity Voiced

General Principals Of Measure Approved

Thomasville, Ga.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower today vetoed the controversial natural gas bill because he objected strenuously to "arrogant" tactics by segments of the oil and gas industry to push the bill through Congress.

The bill would have freed gas producers from direct federal regulation.

The White House approved the general principals of the legislation but Mr. Eisenhower said the background of the passage of the bill made it impossible for him to accept it.

He obviously referred to the current Senate investigation of lobbying activities brought to light after Sen. Francis Case (R-S.D.) disclosed just before the Senate voted on the bill that \$2500 had been offered to his campaign fund.

The money was traced to a California oil company executive.

In a veto message to the House, where the measure originated, the President said "a body of evidence has accumulated indicating that private persons, apparently representing only a very small segment of a great and vital industry, have been seeking to further their own interests by highly questionable activities."

**Arrogant Efforts**  
"These include efforts," Mr. Eisenhower continued, "that I deem to be so arrogant and so much in defiance of acceptable standards of propriety as to risk creating doubt among the American people concerning the integrity of governmental processes."

Mr. Eisenhower pointed out that investigations of gas bill lobbyists by Congress and the Department of Justice could not be completed within the 10 day period allowed him to consider legislation.

He said that to approve the bill before completion of these investigations "could well create long term apprehension in the minds of the American people" and do "a disservice both to the people and to their Congress."

At the outset of his message the President explained that he regretted having to veto the bill "because I am in accord with its basic objectives."

"I feel that any new legislation in addition to furthering the long term interest of consumers in plentiful supplies of gas, should include specific language protecting consumers and their right to fair prices," he said.

The chief executive's veto was widely forecast even before he left Washington Wednesday for a holiday here.

The President had until Saturday midnight to act on the bill. Otherwise it would have become law automatically without his signature.

## Virginia Woman, 32, Expects Quintuplets

Richmond, Va.—(U.P.)—At St. Luke's hospital here today Mrs. Richard H. Shaia, 32, was getting more than the usual privacy, care and rest accorded an expectant mother.

Doctors have told her she may give birth to quintuplets next month.

Around the maternity ward at St. Luke's preparations were being made for what may be an historic delivery. Quintuplets occur only once in every 57,000,000 births.

Additional incubators have been ordered. Blood donors are being lined up in case the babies need transfusions because of a rare blood condition.

Richard Shaia, 31, already the father of five children, was trying to avoid publicity.

## DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 477.05 up 7.44, 20 railroads 158.83 up 2.89, 15 utilities 64.90 up 0.04, and 65 stocks 169.45 up 2.35. Sales today were about 2,840,000 shares compared with 1,750,000 yesterday.

## Road Conditions

Highway 99, Siskiyou—Chains required; snowing hard; plowing; packed snow.

Highway 66, Green Springs—Chains required; snowing hard; packed snow.

Highway 62, Prospect—Chains required; snowing hard; 7 1/2 inches new snow.

Highway 99, north—Chains required over Sexton mountain; Roseburg, pavement bare, rain; chains required on all mountain passes.

## Heaviest Snow Fall Of '56 Reported Here

Medford and vicinity had its heaviest snow fall of the year today.

The U.S. weather bureau station at the airport recorded 5 inches on the ground and an estimated fall of 5.5 inches at 1:15 p.m. Snow continued to fall.

Today is the second time since the first of the year that the vicinity has had measurable snow. Two-tenths of an inch was recorded Jan. 25.

Snow began falling at 1:15 a.m. More snow and mixed rain and snow are predicted by the bureau for tonight and Saturday.

## Elementary Principals' Conference Cancelled

Portland—(U.P.)—M. L. Christensen, president of the Northwest region of Oregon Elementary Principals association, said the group's scheduled conference at Gearhart today and tomorrow had been cancelled due to bad weather.

Christensen said the meeting would be rescheduled at a later date.

## Sheridan Lumber Firm Declared Bankrupt

Portland—(U.P.)—Federal Judge William East yesterday adjudged McCormick Lumber and Manufacturing Corporation of Sheridan bankrupt.

The voluntary bankruptcy petition was signed by the president, H. R. McCormick of Hollywood, Fla.

## Long Bell Lumber Co. Sale Report Confirmed

Weed, Calif.—(U.P.)—An official of the Long Bell Lumber company at Weed today substantiated reports by the Wall Street Journal that negotiations are underway for acquisition of the lumber company by International Paper Co.

## Weather

FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness with occasional snow flurries or showers of rain and snow mixed and with occasional clearing periods tonight and Saturday. Low tonight 28. High Saturday 42-45.

Highest Yesterday	34
Lowest this Morning	26
Prec. to 10 a.m. Today	—12