

Ike's Announcement of Political Future, Expected Feb. 29, May Be Revealed on TV

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Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower's announcement of his political future is expected to be made at the White House, perhaps at his next news conference on Wednesday, Feb. 29.



But, Mr. Eisenhower has said he would make the announcement as dramatic as possible, which has suggested to some persons that he will appear personally before the voters on television.

He will return from his Georgia vacation day after tomorrow. Mr. Eisenhower told associates here before departing for Georgia last week that he wanted a second term. He also wanted to test his physical well-being during a week or 10 days of comparatively vigorous activity before making any final decision or announcement of his political intentions.

That is the way it lay when the President departed Feb. 15 for the Thomasville plantation of Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey.

If Mr. Eisenhower has further advised Washington associates of his intentions, the United Press is not aware of it. The Republican leadership, however, has followed closely the reports from Thomasville, especially of Mr. Eisenhower's steadily expanding physical activity.

Positive and Final
Special Washington dispatches reported Wednesday that Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams and Republican National Committee Chairman Leonard W. Hall had informed other Republican leaders that Mr. Eisenhower would run—that the decision was positive and final.

Hall said the report was "news to me." Hagerty denied the story in behalf of Adams of whom he inquired by telephone. Several other Republican leaders said they knew of no such word from Mr. Eisenhower. Most, perhaps all of them, are confident, however, that he will be a second term candidate.

Nothing From Thomasville
There has been nothing from Thomasville challenging the judgment expressed on Feb. 14 by the physicians who gave the President the latest and politically most critical medical examination. Dr. Paul Dudley White, his principal specialist, then found the President well able to continue active public life. Under those circumstances, the

confidence of Republican leaders that Mr. Eisenhower will accept a second term is readily understood. It could be, however, that the President would not soon announce an active candidacy for renomination on his return here, or announce such at all.

Ike's Young Brother Believes President Will Be Candidate

La Grange, Ill. — (U.P.) — Earl Eisenhower said Wednesday night he thinks his brother, the President, will seek a second term.

But he emphasized this is a personal opinion and if he were in the President's shoes "I'd retire to that farm at Gettysburg."

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Something Different Expected
It would be typical of Mr. Eisenhower to do it somewhat differently. A different method would be in sequence, also, to the unusual manner in which the public has been kept informed of Mr. Eisenhower's illness

and convalescence since he was stricken Sept. 24 in Colorado. The typical Eisenhower method of discussing his great personal problem with the voters would be to face them on television to tell them all about it—what the doctors said, the weight he gives their judgment, how he feels when he gets up in the morning and before he goes to bed at night. Above all, Mr. Eisenhower would want to report on his own feelings as he put himself, day by day, through the test of physical exertion in Georgia.

Mr. Eisenhower could end such a report with the simple statement that he felt up to another four years if the party and people want him. At that point, the telegraph and telephone wires would begin to zing-zing with "We-Want-Ike" messages, and the draft would be on. But it would not be an announcement of his candidacy.

No Inside Information
Earl Eisenhower, who is younger than the President and is public relations director for a chain of Chicago suburban newspapers, emphasized he has no "inside information."

But he said "it looks to me as if Dwight will seek a second term."

"There is nothing in his letters to indicate that he either will or will not run," Earl Eisenhower said. "It is simply my own opinion that he will."

If the choice was his, the brother said, "I'd retire to that farm at Gettysburg or switch to some other job. After all, he has served his country now for 45 years. That's a mighty long time."

Earl Eisenhower said he believes his brother will decide on the basis of whether he thinks he is still needed in the White House.

The decision is his alone to make, Earl Eisenhower said, and the President will not be influenced by anything his brothers have to say.

"I doubt whether he'd listen to us if we tried to sell him anything," he said. Edgar Eisenhower also based his belief that the President will run again on his knowledge of how his brother's mind works and his sense of duty.

Mother Explains Thefts by Boy

Fort Worth, Tex. — (U.P.) — Police had this explanation today from the mother of a 14-year-old boy who was arrested three times for automobile theft in one week: "He goes with a little girl down the street and she won't date anybody unless he has a car."

Troubles Threaten Closure of Ciro's

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Ciro's long one of the top Sunset Strip night spots for Hollywood's stars and free spending tourists, may close May 26.

Herman Hover, who has operated the night spot since 1942, said he would close Ciro's on that date unless he wins a talent booking court fight against two agencies.

"I haven't officially announced it yet, because I'm leaving a door open for possible continuation of operations," Hover said. "But the way it looks now I'm giving up."

Hover said business never has been better but the night club act department of the Music Corporation of America and William Morris Agency are making it difficult for him to get top flight acts for the club.

"And that's only part of the story," he said. "The Department of Justice should look into those agencies. If the department wants to call me in I'll be glad to testify as to how they operate."

Hover has filed a \$1,687,000 anti-trust suit against MCA and three hotel chains. He charged that they monopolized big name shows in this area.

Chicago — (U.P.) — General Washington, 20, was arrested on Washington's birthday Wednesday for a traffic violation.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

Rotarians Plan to Attend Conference

Nine Medford Rotarians plan to attend the annual conference of the 154th district of Rotary International Feb. 26-28 in Astoria, Joe Naumes, president of the local Rotary club, has announced.

They are Weldon Kline, Dr. Scott Heatherington, Naumes, W. M. Caldwell, O. D. Martin, Eddy Hass, Ken Cook, Ed Collins and E. P. Merrick.

Representatives from 53 other Rotary clubs in Oregon and southwestern Washington will attend. The principal current activities of the clubs include youth activities and foreign student participation.

Wives accompanying the local delegation will include Mrs. Kline, Mrs. Heatherington, Mrs. Naumes and Mrs. Caldwell.

ONCE TOO OFTEN

Rutland, Vt. — (U.P.) — Charles Laurin was fined \$75 for driving after his operator's license was suspended. An hour and a half later he was arrested for the same offense. This time he got 6 to 12 months in jail.

CAR RECORD

Muskegon, Mich. — (U.P.) — A record 80,000 new cars valued at \$200,000,000 were shipped across Lake Michigan on car-ferries from Muskegon to Milwaukee, Wis., during 1955, port officials said.

Fish, Game Commissions Oppose Hells Dam Plan

Portland — (U.P.) — A statement opposing construction of Brownlee and Hells Canyon dams on the Snake river was issued yesterday by the state fish and game commissions.

The two groups said the annual value of fish runs jeopardized by the dams was in the

neighborhood of \$1,000,000 with a potential value of \$4,000,000 a year.

Santa Monica, Calif. — (U.P.) — The wife of comedian Jerry Lewis gave birth last night to an eight-pound, 13-ounce son, Scott Anthony. The couple has two other sons, one adopted.

Lack of Highway Bill Said Costing Oregon Millions

Portland — (U.P.) — R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, told Oregon Highway Lifesavers Inc., yesterday that failure of passage of an adequate federal road bill was costing Oregon from \$60,000,000 to \$75,000,000 a year.

Baldock said the loss results from accidents, lost time and freight and fuel charges.

"There are powerful interests striving to defeat passage of legislation to build the proposed great interstate system of highways," Baldock said. The people must speak out "decisively" to get the system built, he added.

Eugene — (U.P.) — W. C. Williams, deputy state highway engineer, told the Eugene Register-Guard here yesterday that if pending Congressional road legislation is approved this year, construction of a four-lane super highway connecting Eugene and Salem would get underway within three years.

Williams said that the legislation, calling for a 13-year, \$51,000,000,000 federal aid fund for highway financing, would be highly beneficial to Oregon. He added that he was optimistic that some type of highway legislation would be passed by this Congress.

He said the survey for relocation of Highway 99 from Eugene to Albany, is "nearly completed."

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