

Republicans Jubilant Over President's Decision To Be Candidate for Reelection

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Republicans throughout the nation today welcomed President Eisenhower's statement that he would be willing to run for reelection.

Some Democrats also cheered the news that the President's health was such he would be able to remain in politics.

Former President Hoover said: "I am certainly glad that President Eisenhower is willing to run for reelection. And I am sure the majority of the American people are grateful for his declaration."

Nixon Sees Reelection

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon: The Republican National Convention will renominate Mr. Eisenhower by acclamation and "he will be overwhelmingly reelected in November." Mr. Eisenhower "has prayerfully weighed a step that represents so much to the cause of peace and freedom to all men... Only a man completely consecrated to the service of his country" could have made the decision, he said.

Leonard W. Hall, GOP national chairman: The President's decision "is the best possible news for all Americans... It means a continuation of the peace, prosperity, and progress of the Eisenhower Republican administration. For the Republican party this is the ringing call for an all-out campaign. We are going to work for a Republican victory all down the line from the White House to the county courthouse."

Butler Not So Sure

Paul M. Butler, Democratic national chairman: "The American people will never elect a President who, at 65, has had a serious heart attack and who is unable to be a full time chief executive... Republican leaders have high pressured Mr. Eisenhower into this decision without regard to the possible consequences to him, his family or the public... The uncertainties of his future health are bound to... dominate the campaign and tend to obliterate discussion and consideration of the great issues... Our country needs a full time President..."

Former President Truman was not available for comment today in his downtown offices. He indicated yesterday, how-

ever, that he would have nothing to say, regardless of Mr. Eisenhower's decision.

Alf M. Landon, Republican presidential nominee of 1936: "It is evident that the President reached his decision after long and conscientious soul searching as to his ability to finish his job. The grandeur of his contribution to world peace appeals to him above personal ease."

Gov. Goodwin J. Knight of California, a Republican: "I am delighted to learn of President Eisenhower's decision to be a candidate for reelection." He said he would proceed to file an Eisenhower slate of delegates for the June 5 California primary "in company with Vice-President Richard M. Nixon and Sen. William F. Knowland."

Rep. Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.), speaker of the House of Representatives: "I thought all the time he was a candidate because in my opinion he has been acting and talking like one."

Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.): "I am glad President Eisenhower feels that his health

will permit him to make a campaign seeking another four years in the presidency. Having been responsible for the record of the past four years, the President is the best qualified man to defend that record... Despite Mr. Eisenhower's personal popularity, I am confident we Democrats will win the presidency because our record and program are most appealing to the greater mass of voters."

Sees Vigorous Campaign

Adlai Stevenson, former presidential nominee said: "As the main issue will be the policies and record of the Eisenhower administration, it is fitting that President Eisenhower be the candidate."

"As the administration's chief architect and spokesman, he will have to carry the burden of what will be a very vigorous campaign," Stevenson said.

"Mr. Eisenhower has drawn the distinction between the private matter of his personal health and the public question of how the office of the Presi-

dent shall be conducted. I assume he will deal with the aspect of his decision in his report to the people, and set the terms of the debate on this issue."

Sen. Johnson Happy

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, Senate Democratic leader: "I am happy that the President feels his health has recovered to a point where he is ready for the rigors of an arduous campaign." But he warned "the campaign will be arduous. The American people will want a full discussion of the vital issues of war and peace before they decide who will be the trustee for their destinies for the next four years."

Douglas McKay, interior secretary: The announcement "assures that in the crucial period of world history which lies ahead our destiny will continue to be guided by the outstanding leader who has demonstrated repeatedly his unique abilities to preserve the peace and advance the welfare of all the people..."

No Prepared Statement Issued On Ike's Second Term Decision

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower did not issue a prepared statement on his second term announcement. The following accurately reflects what he said but is carried in the third person because of White House rules prohibiting direct quotation without special permission.

He has reached a decision. But he found so many factors involved that he saw his answer could not be expressed in simple terms of yes or no.

He felt that a full explanation to the American people was necessary. He would never consent to go before the people unless he was sure they understood all the factors and possibilities. He would not allow his name to go before the Republican convention unless they knew all the facts so they could be sure they were not nominating someone other than they thought.

He could not say flatly that he would run because he does not know for certain that the

Republican convention would want him.

He is asking for time on radio and television networks tonight to go directly to the American people with the facts.

His answer within these limits which he will explain tonight, will be positive, that is, affirmative.

Because he will give full details of his decision tonight he did not intend to have it as a subject for further discussion at this morning's news conference.

Foreign Secretary Of Britain Starts On Junket To Asia

London — (U.P.) — Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd took off today on a two-week peacemaking tour of Asia and the Middle East, recently blanketed by the Russians with offerings of guns, butter and propaganda.

Lloyd's specific goal is Karachi, where a meeting of the "Asiatic Pact" council opens Tuesday, but he plans to make half a dozen stops on the way there and back to confer with local leaders.

India Relations Target
He hopes especially to smooth over relations between Britain and India, embittered by Russia's persistent wooing of neutralist Premier Jawaharlal Nehru.

An interview with the Indian premier printed today by the Manchester Guardian emphasized Nehru's opposition to the Southeast Asiatic Alliance and the Baghdad Pact—the West's principal arrangements for the

defense of Asia and the Middle East.

Lloyd said just before he boarded a special plane here that his only purpose is to try to preserve and extend peace. He said he has no intention of trying to match the Russians' offers of aid or their propaganda insults.

No Unpleasant Statements

"I am not going to try to compete with the Russian leaders," the foreign secretary said. "I am not going to say anything unpleasant about Russia..."

"The whole purpose of British foreign policy is peace... no other country has anything to fear from a British foreign secretary going abroad."

One major objective of Lloyd's trip will be a new effort to settle the eight-year-old feud between Israel and the Arab states. He has a compromise plan to offer, but it does not include any promise of increased arms for Israel.



ENDING "exile" of 14 months in New York, Marilyn Monroe returns to Hollywood with heavy schedule of pictures in prospect after reaching agreement with studio. Her first film is to begin around March 15. (International)

Laughs of the Day . . .

Helsinki, Finland — (U.P.) — A report from the Finnish town of Kittilaa said a local resident was fined \$30 for drunken driving with a reindeer.

Santa Monica, Calif. — (U.P.) — Fire engines raced screaming to Mrs. Ruby Burkhalter's home after excited neighbors reported hearing her shout, "The house is on fire!" But firemen found no flames. Mrs. Burkhalter explained sheepishly: "Oh, my goodness, there's no fire. I was just trying to get by husband out of bed."

Traverse City, Mich. — (U.P.) — A State Highway Department sign on U.S. Highway 31 near here reads: "Do not use this highway for purposes other than travel."

Chicago — (U.P.) — John Cawley's big worry when he was arrested by police on begging charges was "What will happen to my car?" Asked why he didn't sell the

car and give up begging, Cawley protested, "A guy's got to have a place to sleep."

Manchester, England — (U.P.) — Organ Grinder Stephen Treverton, 65, had a ready excuse when he was hauled into court on drunkenness charges by officers who found him slumped over his barrel organ in front of a bar. "It wasn't my fault," he said, "they gave me beer instead of money."

The judge let him go.

Albany, N.Y. — (U.P.) — The New York State Assembly was about to approve a bill permitting town boards to order the fencing of junkyards when Assemblyman Eugene Goddard, of Monroe, N.Y., pointed out that the bill permitted yards.

The bill's sponsor asked that it be put over for a week until he could amend it to provide for a gate.



CURIOSITY of adults can be annoying and Robert Clinton, 1 month old, is burned up as doctor shows his mom big tooth in upper gum. Bob's dad is X-ray technician at New York's Bellevue Hospital, scene of photo. (International)

Portlanders Observe Unusual Birthdays

Portland — (U.P.) — Mrs. Margaret Swall of Portland, who was born in 1904, observed her "19th birthday" today. Her brother, Eddy Hammer, was born in 1908, observed his "12th birthday."

Today is the extra day added for leap year. They believe they are the only two members of one family on the West Coast to have the same leap year birthdays.

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Eugene, Salem Face Transit Curb

By UNITED PRESS
Citizens of two Oregon cities have taken steps to sustain night transit service in their cities as companies announced plans to curtail the service due to lack of patronage.

In Eugene, the city council has adopted a plan which urges businessmen to help boost the daytime transit use of its customers while in Salem a 23-member citizens committee appeared before the city council asking that service not be discontinued there.

The Eugene plan would ask businessmen to redeem bus fares of its customers when purchases are made in their stores. The system would be set up with a ticket validation plan.

The City Transit Company of Eugene has agreed to a trial period for the new proposal in the hope that a greater daytime patronage will compensate for loss the company incurs at night. In both cases the transit company proposed the curtailment of night service due to lack of patronage and a growing loss on the lines.

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