



ARGENTINES BATTLE EPIDEMIC—Residents in Buenos Aires, Argentina's capital, use fire hose to flush down street in highly infected area of their city, now undergoing one of its worst polio epidemics in history. The people are banding together in all out effort to keep their city clean. The U. S. has shipped iron lungs to help in the fight.

Ike's Attitude Seen Changed on Farm Bill Now Before Congress

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Washington — (U.P.) — In the span of a fortnight President Eisenhower has considerably changed his mind about the farm subsidy bill now pending in Congress. The bill doesn't look quite so bad now.

He still does not like it. But it looks a lot better than it did at his news conference of March 21. It is reasonable to believe that Mr. Eisenhower is now looking at the farm bill in the bright light of the Minnesota and Wisconsin presidential primaries.

Mr. Eisenhower's comment of March 21 on the farm bill may be summed up like this: He denounced the bill, which just had been passed by the Senate, as unworkable—a measure which would do farmers more harm than good.

The President's next news conference was Wednesday. Since he last publicly discussed the farm bill, conferees representing the House and Senate had agreed to junk a good deal of the administration program. The conferees approved high, rigid crop supports, for example, in defiance of the President's insistence on lower, flexible subsidies.

Soil Bank Accepted
They are extending the rigid support principle to feed grains. They did accept the administration's soil bank plan. It would put up \$1,200,000,000 to pay farmers for taking acres out of production. The crop planting now is so far advanced, however, that the soil bank system cannot jingle many dollars into the pockets of farm voters before election day this year.

Moreover, with all of that running against him, Mr. Eisenhower is aware that the House-Senate conference group is loaded against him by a ratio of about 8-to-2. Even so, the bill looked a little better to him Wednesday than a fortnight ago.

Wednesday the President said: "There have been so many amendments, some of them clumsy, others even worse, attached to them, that whether or not it (the farm bill) would help the farmers would be problematical."

Advised To Sign Bill
That is a long way from his earlier criticism that the bill was unworkable and would do farmers more harm than good. The practical politicians are advised to sign it.

MM Company Plans To Close Panel Door Plant

Portland—(U.P.)—The M & M Wood Working company announced yesterday that its panel door plant employing 179 persons in north Portland will close April 13. "Adverse economic conditions beyond our control," was listed in a letter to employees as the reason for closure.

President Clay Brown said that the closure in all probability would be permanent.

The M & M Co. acquired the Portland plant in 1918 and at the operational peak, 6500 units were turned out per day.

Copco Will Relocate Line Near Newall

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — The California Oregon Power Company will begin erection of a new transmission line running from Newall, Cal., south for a distance of about 20 miles.

Company officials said total cost of the relocation project will be about \$150,000. The line is being relocated to a more serviceable route and is aimed to correct the large extent of outages suffered in the region by winter storms each year.

vising Mr. Eisenhower to sign the farm bill, high, rigid supports and all. They argue that something must be done for the farmers before this year's election—something to make them feel more kindly toward the administration. He could try to amend the program next year.

This advice is weighted now with the meaning of the Wisconsin and Minnesota primaries where Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) has been making political hay with a high rolling farm subsidy program. Kefauver

swamped Adlai E. Stevenson and far out-poled Mr. Eisenhower in Minnesota on March 20.

There was no direct contest in Wisconsin this week. But Kefauver's unopposed campaign obtained support of 42 per cent of Wisconsin voters who went to the polls. Mr. Eisenhower got more Republicans to the polls by a good margin. But Kefauver's showing is accepted by Republican political realists as foreshadowing trouble in the farm belt.

Kefauver Believes Adlai Front Runner

Omaha, Neb. — (U.P.) — Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Estes Kefauver said today he believes Adlai E. Stevenson is still a "front runner" in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

"I believe he is ahead of me right now, but all over the country my strength is increasing," the Tennessee Democrat said.

Kefauver flew here from Florida today for a one-day campaign visit in Nebraska's May 15 Democratic presidential primary.

Kefauver, in reference to rumors that party chieftains may disregard his popularity in the primaries, said there has been "a great deal of resentment over what happened at the convention in 1952."

"The temper of party leaders has changed in this respect," he said. "I am on very good terms with former President Harry Truman who has said he will support me if I win the nomination. No hurdles will be placed in my way," he said.

Medford Jaycees Nominate Officers

Officers for the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce were nominated at a recent meeting.

Those nominated included Charles Jones, Larry Allen and Art Van Leeuwen, for president; Bill Kramer and Monty Stram, for first vice-president; Jim Asher, Bill Eselstyn, Bob Bernardi and Leonard Howe, for second vice-president; Gordon Klope, for secretary; and Glenn Jennings, for treasurer.

Candidates will give campaign speeches at next Tuesday's meeting, and elections will be held the following week.

Commercial Catches Of Smelt Said Heavy

Troutdale — (U.P.) — Commercial fishermen continued to make heavy hauls of smelt in the Sandy river here last night and predicted that the spring run would probably last another week.

They said there were still large numbers of the fish in the Columbia river waiting to enter the Sandy. Sports fishermen were having no trouble taking their limits of 25 pounds each day but the process was taking a little longer than earlier in the week.

LOTS OF SWEATERS
Des Moines, Ia. — (U.P.) — Iowa sheep produced enough wool in 1955 to provide sweaters for more than 3,000,000 girls, the State Development Commission said today.

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'Greatest Show' Opens Despite Labor Trouble

New York — (U.P.) — The "greatest show on earth" opened its 1956 season at Madison Square Garden last night with sophisticated theater music and an array of labor trouble.

But John Ringling North's circus retained most of the flavor that has made it a favorite spectacle for adults and children for 86 years.

The theater music was introduced by Frank Loesser, the Broadway and Hollywood songwriter, who was hired to compose three new numbers for this year's circus. His songs were a distinct departure from the traditional oomp-pa-pa circus music of former years.

The labor trouble developed from a dispute between the circus owners and the American Guild of Variety Artists. Another labor dispute involved the international Brotherhood of Teamsters which is attempting to organize truck drivers and roustabouts.

Hilton To Represent Ike At Grace Kelly Wedding

Washington — (U.P.) — The White House said today that President Eisenhower had designated hotelman Conrad N. Hilton to be his representative at the wedding of actress Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier III in Monaco April 18 and 19.

Hilton will carry no special rank except that as representative of the President.

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Man Ends Own Life With Nail in Heart

Arlington, Va. — (U.P.) — A maintenance worker committed suicide yesterday by driving a steel nail through his heart with a power hammer.

Country police said Hubert Edgar Miller, 40, was found on his bed by his wife.

Police said the two-inch nail passed through a piece of plywood lying on Miller's chest, through his heart and through the mattress.

The power hammer, used to drive steel nails in concrete or metal, is powered by a 22 caliber blank cartridge. The tool was found near Miller's body.

Seed Dealers Urged To Study New Law

Salem — (U.P.) — Unfamiliarity of seed dealers with the revised seed law passed at the last Legislature is slowing down checks of compliance with the law, the State Agriculture Department said today.

Frank McKennon, chief of the division of plant industry, warned that seeds could be seized if the new law was not complied with.

Additional copies and a summary of the law can be obtained by contacting the plant industry division of the Agriculture Department, McKennon said.

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Fong Murder Trial May Go To Jury Next Week

Portland — (U.P.) — Observers predicted today that the Wey Him Fong murder trial probably will go to the jury the first of next week. He is on trial for the 1954 death of Diane Hank, 16.

The prosecution was expected to finish its case today and Defense Attorney John P. Hannon has indicated that he will take two days to present his client's case.

Rebuttal and closing arguments will follow before Judge Frank J. Lonergan instructs the jury.

Wreckage of Plane Located in Water

Seattle — (U.P.) — Sonar equipment has confirmed the location of the wreckage of a Northwest Orient Airlines Stratocruiser which crash landed and sank in Puget Sound Monday, investigators said today.

The sonar search was conducted Tuesday by the Minneapolis-Honeywell Co. vessel Neper. It showed that the wreckage lies in 395 feet of water rather than the 432 feet originally estimated, and confirmed that a buoy line attached to some object on the bottom of the sound marks the wreckage.

Investigators said the Stratocruiser was in a marine valley between two ridges, and added that this position may make salvage efforts difficult.



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