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Ike Has Brief Examination

Major Medical Checkup Slated Later This Week

Hopes Cease Fire In Mid-East Holds

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower today underwent a "brief examination" by his heart specialist, Dr. Paul Dudley White.

"He seems to be in good health," White told reporters. Earlier, Mr. Eisenhower announced he will undergo a much more detailed medical examination later this week. He will enter the Army's Walter Reed Medical Center Thursday evening and remain until about noon Saturday.

Major Checkup

The President told his news conference that the hospital examination will be "a major medical checkup . . . from head to toe." He said the doctors would "of course" check for any "cardiac difficulties," but that the examination was a routine annual physical check not directly related to "my late difficulty."

White, famed Boston physician who has treated the President since his heart attack last Sept. 24, was in the capital today to testify before a Senate Appropriations subcommittee on medical research funds.

He stopped in at the White House to visit with Mr. Eisenhower's personal physician, Maj. Gen. Howard McC. Snyder, and while there went into see the President.

Hopes for Peace

Other news conference highlights as the President met with over 200 reporters: 1. The President described new incidents between Arab and Israeli forces as unfortunate, but he said he was hopeful that the cease fire arranged by UN Secretary-general Dag Hammarskjöld would hold. Meantime, he said the whole Western world was striving diligently to arrive at a peaceful solution of Middle East differences that will be more permanent.

2. He said he now definitely intends to attend the June 25-26 meeting of American chiefs of state in Panama unless extremely urgent developments here prevent his attendance.

3. He felt that the federal government's employee security program basically is in good shape, regardless of the recent disclosures concerning Sidney Hatkin, Air Force economist, who was dropped tentatively 14 months ago because of alleged Communist associations.

Offer To Sen. George

4. The President said he had invited Sen. Walker F. George (D-Ga.), to enter his administration in a post where his talents in foreign affairs could continue to serve the government. The post would be in connection with NATO. George announced he would not seek reelection.

5. Mr. Eisenhower stated for the second straight week his belief that it would be dangerous for this country to attempt to engage in an arms race, particularly in long range bombers with Russia. He said this country should concentrate on its own requirements, based on its peculiar geographic location between two great oceans.

Drydock Explosion Kills One, Hurts 7

Alameda, Calif.—(U.P.)—A rumbling explosion, felt and heard throughout a large part of Alameda and nearby Oakland, ripped through a Todd Shipyard's drydock here today killing one man and injuring at least seven others.

The blast, which shot through the belly of the General Petroleum tanker Syossett in drydock repair, occurred shortly after 10 a.m. (PST). Seven ambulances answered the emergency call and removed three of the injured and the dead man, Leon Evans, Oakland, to Providence hospital. At the hospital emergency room attendants listed condition of the three men injured as "serious." Four others received minor injuries and were treated at the shipyard's infirmary.

The seriously injured were identified by the hospital as Richard Lee, San Francisco; and Joseph Massey, and Jesse Richards, both of Oakland. All were laborers.



ELECTED PRESIDENT—Darrel Brittsan, University of Oregon junior in pre-law from Medford, reads the story of recent student body elections in which he was chosen president. The picture in the Daily Emerald, campus newspaper, shows Brittsan on the night of his election going into the millrace, a "dunking" tradition. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Brittsan, 1129 Niantic st.

Army Orders Probe In Sinking of LVT With Three Deaths

Ft. Story, Va.—(U.P.)—The Army today investigated why an LVT amphibious vehicle plowed into heavy breakers behind two sister machines which failed to get through and lost three of its crewmen in a watery grave.

Ten men on two of five LVTs (landing vehicles, track), were plunged into eight-foot waves as they attempted to go around a jetty but only seven swam to safety.

Aboard Third Vehicle

The victims were all aboard the third vehicle in line. They were identified as Pvt. William E. Turner, 18, Arvin, Calif., son of Mrs. Annie L. Benton; Pvt. Robert H. Tourville, 23, Chateaugay, N.Y., and Pvt. Ernest H. Warnix, 22, Cropwell, Ala.

The first vehicle ventured out into the rough ocean waves and was capsized by the pounding waves. It sank in about five minutes but its five crewmen all made it to shore.

Pvt. Cecil L. McDowell, driver of the second vehicle, turned back because he thought "the rough water would drive him into the amphib ahead of him."

What remained a mystery was why the third LVT, driven by Pvt. Willie Stuart, Freer, Tex., followed the other two into the rougher waters.

Investigation Ordered

Col. George E. Woods Jr., commandant of this base that is located at Cape Henry, the entrance to Chesapeake Bay, ordered the investigation.

School Budget Is Approved By 3 Votes

Ashland—Voers of Ashland school district yesterday approved a school budget of \$813,624 for the fiscal year 1956-57 by a vote of 366-363, a three-vote margin.

The budget includes \$318,352 outside the six per cent limitation, with the total amount to be raised by taxes \$548,074. The balance comes from state and county school support funds.

Total budget includes operational costs, bond retirement and interest on bonds.

Corvallis Newspaper Supports Hitchcock

Corvallis—(U.P.)—The Corvallis Gazette-Times today announced its editorial support of Phil Hitchcock for the Republican nomination for United States senator from Oregon.

Robert C. Ingalls, editor and publisher of the daily newspaper, said in an editorial that he would cast his ballot for the 51-year-old opponent of Douglas McKay.

There were numerous reasons for taking the stand, Ingalls said, but "the outstanding one is that we think he has a better chance in the fall of defeating the incumbent," Sen. Wayne Morse.

Hitchcock, Ingalls wrote, "has been fair with labor and will swing a lot of them to his side." Ingalls also said that Hitchcock was young enough to be expected to serve two or three terms.

Petitions Seeking Competing Railway Service Circulated

Urge Firms to Apply For ICC Permission

Petitions directed to the Oregon Electric Railroad and the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway companies are being circulated in southern Oregon in an attempt to obtain competing railroad service in this area.

Representatives of lumber mills and other industries started the petitions in circulation. They ask the rail firms to apply to the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to extend railroad service in southern Oregon.

State Sen. Phil Lowry of Medford pointed out that no one is sure if the ICC has power to compel Southern Pacific to permit joint use of existing trackage by another transportation company.

Committee Chairman Senator Lowry was chairman of a committee which urged active participation in a public hearing here by the Oregon Utilities commissioner on abandonment of passenger train service in southern Oregon. The hearing was held last month.

Lowry said the petitions for competing service show freight shipments in and out of the area, and the periodic shortages of box cars resulting in financial losses to employees and firms.

The petitions also indicated the growth of the area, and that businesses and industries are discouraged from developing in this area because of the railroad situation, Lowry said.

Crooked River Falling Slowly

Prineville—(U.P.)—The Crooked river rose steadily last night until it crested near midnight, then began slowly to fall. Rain stopped falling about 4 p.m. yesterday and residents of the area said they felt the worst was over.

Dozens of tributary streams went out of their banks as a result of five days of rain and a downpour of an inch and a half from 7 p.m. Monday until 4 p.m. yesterday.

Homes in parts of Prineville remained inundated, water cascaded across highways and two important bridges in the area were carried away yesterday.

Stream beds in the area simply couldn't handle the torrent of rain in the country that normally has only about nine inches annually.

As Ochoco reservoir, water thundered over the spillway for the first time in years, adding to the problems. Big Summit Prairie, a large area inundated by surface waters in the Ochoco mountains, began to drain late yesterday and added to the mounting runoff that Crooked river was carrying toward Prineville.

Seattle—(U.P.)—A 45-year-old ban against political speakers on the campus of the University of Washington has been lifted.

Hitchcock 'To Take Campaign To Democrats'

Phil Hitchcock, candidate for the Republican nomination for U. S. senator, told a Republican audience last night, "I'll win because I'll take the campaign where it has to be made."

He spoke at the candidate's night of the Jackson County Young Republicans in the Medford YMCA.

Hitchcock said he would take the general election campaign into heavily Democratic areas. The race will never be won by talking to Republicans, he said. The former state senator said he has always been fair to labor and thinks he can win many of their votes, as well as the independent vote.

Not Defensive As a candidate opposing Morse, Hitchcock declared he would not be "on the defensive." The campaign must be taken to Morse's record through debates, where Morse will be cornered by the issues and attention called to his evasions and his bitter personal feeling toward the president, the candidate stated.

Hitchcock noted the importance of the independent vote in the campaign. He pointed out that independent voters would not be impressed with a man who is only following "the dictates of higher-ups." He said his perseverance under pressures on him to quit the race proves the Democratic criticism that Republicans "take orders from above" is not always true.

"Utterly Fallacious" In answering a question from the floor, Hitchcock said it was "utterly fallacious" to think that a vote for Hitchcock was a vote against the administration. He said he was one of the first to support Eisenhower in 1952, and added that he is convinced Eisenhower would not support one Republican candidate against another. Hitchcock said Eisenhower would consider it politically immoral for him to intervene in such a primary.

The main goal in the primary,



SEN. WALTER GEORGE Offered NATO Post

Sen. George Not To Seek Reelection To Seat in Senate

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Walter F. George, 78, dean of the Senate and its most powerful figure in foreign relations, announced today he will not seek reelection.

President Eisenhower promptly offered him a post as his personal representative in NATO work. George indicated he would accept the job.

The veteran Georgia Democrat said he had told Mr. Eisenhower he "would not shirk my duty . . . or any responsibility that might be requested of me."

George, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said that any position he may take in the future might start at the end of this session of Congress or might be delayed until January when his Senate term expires.

George's sudden and unexpected decision to retire from the Senate was made in this onetime announcement: "For good and sufficient reasons on which I will not elaborate at this time, I will decline to run again for the Senate after the present term."

The veteran senator's physician, Dr. Worth B. Daniels, called the decision a "wise one" because George has had a "mild difficulty with his heart and mild diabetes."

George also had faced one of the hardest political fights of his career in a contest for re-nomination against former Georgia Gov. Herman Talmadge.

Charles Porter Sets Visit Here Saturday

Charles O. Porter, Eugene attorney and candidate for the Democratic nomination for congress from this district, will speak in Medford Saturday evening, according to Bruce Manley, his campaign manager here.

Porter's talk will be at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Medford Labor temple on South Grape st., Manley said. He will discuss proposed economic and political solutions to the freight car shortage, and other issues on which he is basing his campaign.

The public is invited, Manley stated. Porter will drive here Saturday after a luncheon meeting at Grants Pass, and will return to Eugene Sunday. His opponent in the primary is Dave Shaw, Gold Beach attorney.

Salem—(U.P.)—Ross F. Collie, Hood River orchardist, has been appointed as a member of the State Board of Agriculture, representing horticultural interests.

Shooting Occurs During Attempt To Serve Warrant

Assailant Felled By Officer's Shot

Coquille—(U.P.)—District Attorney John Pickett said today a first degree murder charge had been filed against Ralph Pyatt, 36, of Bandon in the fatal shooting of a state police officer.

The wounded man was to be flown to Portland today by Medford Mercy Flights. Doctors at Mast hospital in Myrtle Point where Pyatt was taken with a bullet wound in his head said his only chance to live was to have immediate attention by a neurosurgeon.

Bandon—(U.P.)—A state policeman was wounded fatally last night as he attempted to serve a warrant but he brought down his assailant before dying, police reported.

The officer was Richard O'Connor, 32, father of three small boys, who had been with the state police for about 10 years.

In critical condition at Mast hospital in Myrtle Point was Ralph Pyatt, 36. He was wounded in the head.

Sgt. H. C. Snider of the state police in Coquille said O'Connor had a warrant for Pyatt for failing to appear on a citation for no driver's license.

O'Connor was shot as he approached the motel cabin where Pyatt was living, about a mile north of here. Sgt. Snider said four shots were fired from a .22 caliber pistol, one of which struck O'Connor near the heart.

The officer dropped the warrant and a flashlight he was carrying. He got up and crawled to a corner window and fired two shots, Sgt. Snider said. One of them found its mark.

Used Mop Handle Sgt. Snider, who was the first to enter the cabin after the shooting, said that when he first tried to open the door it stuck and he thought it might be barricaded. He managed to get a mop handle and, while standing on one side, pushed it open. Pyatt was lying on the floor.

Sgt. Snider said O'Connor apparently fired the shot that struck Pyatt just before he died. Officers said Pyatt was a former resident of Missouri.

Grand Jury Called To Consider Evidence

The Jackson county grand jury will convene at 10 a.m. Friday to consider evidence against Billy Junior Nunn, 28, Klamath Falls millworker who is charged with the April 19 slaying of Alvin William Ecret, 14, Klamath Falls, the district attorney's office said today.

Nunn was given his preliminary hearing in district court Monday when he was bound over to the grand jury by District Judge Rawles Moore.

Robert Duncan, Medford attorney, is temporarily handling Nunn's defense.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE
New York 10 2
Cleveland 6 3 1
Larsen, Grim (6), Konstanty (6), Morgan (9) and Berra; Score, Mossi (9) and Hegan, Naragon (9).

Chicago 5 12 0
Boston 7 13 0
Donovan, Fornieles (1), Dahlke (8), Consergra (8), Fischer (8), Howell (8), Lollar, Porterfield, Hurd (8), Sisler (8), and White.

Home run: Lollar (Chicago).

Air Force To Get Fast Delivery of B-52 Jet Bombers

Washington—(U.P.)—Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson testified today that the Air Force will get more B52 intercontinental jet bombers than it asked for, and get them faster.

He made the statement in defending the administration's military spending program before a Senate Military Appropriations subcommittee.

Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, joined Wilson in defending the defense budget as a "sound military program under" world conditions as they exist.

Army Secretary Wilber M. Brucker testified that the proposed \$9,460,000,000 in appropriations for the Army "will enable the Army to provide an

adequate measure of security for the United States and contribute materially to the deterrence of aggression."

But in the House, Rep. George H. Mahon said there is a 50-50 chance that Russia may beat the United States in firing the first intercontinental ballistic missile.

The Texas Democrat, chairman of the House Defense Appropriations subcommittee made the charge as the House opened debate on a \$33,600,000,000 military money bill.

"We have lost some of the supremacy and a military stalemate seems to be in the offing," he said. "The bleak fact is that massive retaliation is becoming a two-way street."

Enough Money for 202 Planes Wilson told the subcommittee there will be enough money under the administration's new budget to provide 202 of the giant B52 bombers.

Wilson said the Air Force originally asked for 190 more B52s in next year's budget. This original request, he said, was cut by the Defense Department to 173, with the provision that the 17 eliminated could be provided, if needed, in the fiscal 1958 budget.

Recently, Wilson continued, the Defense Department decided to speed up B52 production and ordered 29 additional bombers, bringing the total to 202. Wilson said the total number of bombers on order is classified. But defense sources have said that present plans call for a fleet of about 500 B52 bombers to be completed sometime in 1948-59.

Eisenhower Keeps Indiana Popularity

Washington—(U.P.)—Returns from primary elections in five states showed today that: 1. President Eisenhower is maintaining his popularity in at least one farm state, traditionally Republican Indiana, despite farm belt grumblings over the administration's farm program.

2. Ohio Gov. Frank J. Lausche suffered a blow to his hopes of playing a big part in the Democratic National Convention. Lausche lost two and possibly three delegates in his bid to go to the convention as Ohio's favorite son Democratic presidential candidate.

3. A moderate on the segregation issue, Gov. Leroy Collins of Florida, won an unprecedented second term by a landslide, and without even being forced into a runoff.

4. Sen. Mathew M. Neely (D-W.Va.) broke the Democratic statehouse organization's control of West Virginia politics by helping nominate Rep. Robert H. Holloman for governor over former state Tax Commissioner Milton J. Ferguson and state Democratic Chairman J. Howard Myers.

Mr. Eisenhower led Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) in the Indiana presidential primaries by about the same margin he polled when he carried the state in the 1952 election.

The Indiana vote was one of five state primaries held Tuesday as part of party nominating machinery for the 1956 conventions and elections. Of the five, only Indiana provided any test for candidates for the presidential nominations.

Senate Committee Approves Soil Bank

Washington—(U.P.)—The Senate Agriculture Committee today unanimously approved a modified version of President Eisenhower's \$1,200,000,000 soil bank.

The vote was the first taken by the committee in starting work on a new, price-boosting farm bill passed recently by the House.

The committee went on long with Mr. Eisenhower as to crops eligible for the soil bank. But it rejected as the House had, his request for authority to make advance payments to farmers this year in return for promises to take surplus crop acreage out of production next year.

State Employers Start Statewide Salary Survey

Salem—(U.P.)—A committee of the Oregon State Employers Association has started work on a statewide survey comparing salaries of state workers to those in private industry.

Construction Bids For Hospital Here Called for June 12

Bids for the general construction contract for the new Rogue Valley Memorial hospital will be opened June 12 it was announced today by hospital officials.

Jay H. Cole, engineer in charge of hospital planning for the Oregon state board of health, has examined the plans and specifications and granted permission for them to be distributed for bidding purposes.

Express Interest Of several qualified Pacific coast firms contacted, seven expressed an interest in bidding, and are preparing offers to be opened June 12 in the Community hospital offices. It is expected that many of the subcontracts on the \$2,000,000 structure will be given to local firms, according to A. D. Harvey, consulting engineer on the project.

The building, to be located near the intersection of Barnett rd. and Murphy lane, will be built principally with funds received during a public subscription drive last winter, although a considerable portion of construction money will come from the federal government under the Hill-Burton act.

Requests for pledge payments to those subscribing to the hospital are expected to go out starting next month.

Moore Favored By State Bar in Poll

Rawles Moore, district judge of Jackson county who is seeking reelection, was favored in the Oregon State bar preferential poll conducted recently for contested judicial positions.

Judge Moore received 49 votes from Jackson county attorneys. O. T. Bengtson received one vote, although he had previously withdrawn from the race.

Hall S. Lusk, Oregon supreme court justice seeking reelection, received 1,408 votes in the statewide preferential poll, compared to 111 for L. B. Sandblat.

State bar members returned 1,534 valid ballots. A total of 2,149 were mailed, according to John H. Holloway, secretary.

First Motor Vehicle Administrator Picked

Salem—(U.P.)—Warren H. Nunn, assistant public utilities commissioner, was named administrator of the new Motor Vehicle department today by Gov. Elmo Smith.

Nunn's appointment will be effective July 1, when the motor vehicle department will be transferred from the secretary of state's office to a separate department under the executive office.

The 35-year-old Nunn has been in state service for 10 years. He became a personnel technician for the Civil Service commission in December, 1945, and later was classification and pay supervisor for the Civil Service commission.

Cave Junctionite Pleads Innocent To Gold Charge

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Guy P. 59, Auburn, Calif., miner, and Elbert S. Osborn, 49, Cave Junction, Ore., timber salesman, yesterday pleaded innocent of illegal possession of gold.

Secret Service agents arrested the two men here April 15. The agents claimed the men were attempting to sell the gold and confiscated 84 ounces of almost pure gold valued at \$2940.

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