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Eisenhower To Celebrate To Celebration

Vice-President Will Represent American People Envoy Will Observe Independence Day

Washington (U.P.)—President Eisenhower today named Vice President Richard M. Nixon to be his "personal representative" at the Philippine Independence Day celebration in Manila July 4.

The action was interpreted as a move to dramatize before the world this country's interest in the freedom of all nations. It was just 10 years ago next month that the United States gave the Philippines its independence.

Hagerty's Announcement
White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty announced Nixon's assignment as Mr. Eisenhower began his third week in the hospital in "good spirits" and hopeful he will be able to leave in another week.

A 7:40 a.m. (EDT) medical bulletin reported Mr. Eisenhower's "satisfactory progress" from his intestinal operation two weeks ago. But the President passed up a chance to tell a Republican meeting here whether he still intends to run for another term.

Interest in Philippines
Hagerty strongly emphasized that Nixon is going to Manila not only as vice president but as the representative of the President and the American people.

He said Mr. Eisenhower has a great "personal interest in the Philippines" because of his early Army duty there and because of the country's role as a "great ally."

Hagerty disclosed toward midday that Mr. Eisenhower conferred with Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams and other staff members this morning while sitting up for 45 minutes in an easy chair.

This was the longest sitting up period for the President since he entered the hospital June 8.

The president signed 11 bills, signed an atomic energy agreement with Cuba, and dispatched "quite a few" personal letters and telegrams, Hagerty said.

Accepts Resignation
The White House also announced the resignation of Detroit banker Joseph M. Dodge as the President's special assistant for foreign economic policy and made public a routine exchange of letters between the President and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

As further indication of the President's steady recovery, Hagerty said he will stop issuing a midday medical bulletin.

Furniture Familiar; Home Stripped Bare
The Dalles (U.P.)—As the Jesse Smith family was driving toward their home at the Dalles yesterday they noticed a car passing them in the opposite direction loaded with furniture they thought they recognized. When they reached home they found that thieves had not only stripped the house of much of their furnishings but had removed the doors and windows as well.

Atmosphere Eases; Hagerty Plays Golf
Washington (U.P.)—There was concrete proof today of the more relaxed atmosphere at Walter Reed hospital where President Eisenhower is recuperating.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty took off for a game of golf.

\$1,200 Worth of Fireworks Slated For July 4 Display

About \$1,200 worth of fireworks will be set off at the Medford High school stadium July 4 at a display sponsored by the YMCA.

The display, approved by city and state fire marshals, is being given for the first time this year to raise money for the YMCA summer camp.

Clifford McGinty, chairman of the display committee, stressed that the majority of the displays will be ground displays, although some aerial bombs will be set off between firings.

The majority of the work has been done by the Y Men's club, according to McGinty, who said

Nixon to Manila

"All Up And Down De Whole Creation, Sadly I Roam"



PGE Official Raps Neuberger's Bill Affecting Pelton Dam

Washington (U.P.)—An Oregon utility executive said today a "new low in public morals" would be reached if a license for private construction of Pelton dam in Oregon is revoked.

Thomas W. Delzell, chairman of the board of the Portland General Electric Co., made the statement in opposing a bill by

Red China Sends Japanese to Jail

Tokyo (U.P.)—Communist China announced today it had sentenced 17 Japanese to long prison terms as war criminals, nearly 11 years after the end of the war.

The delayed act shocked the Japanese nation and was expected to wreck recent overtures by Red China to win Japanese friendship and trade through exchange of goodwill private missions.

Observers said the Peiping action also would be a severe blow to the Socialist party which has advocated quick normalization of diplomatic relations with Japan.

The convicted men included three former lieutenant generals in the Imperial Japanese army and two major generals. They were accused of such crimes as using poison gas, cultivating germs for germ warfare and for brutality.

Peiping Radio which announced the sentences said the trials were held between June 9 and 20.

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Russian Atomic Aircraft Predicted 'In Near Future'

Twining May View Top Installations

Moscow (U.P.)—The Soviet Army newspaper Red Star predicted today the Soviet Union would have its first atomic aircraft "in the near future."

"Atomic installations in aircraft are now possible as result of the immense success of nuclear physics, radio-chemistry and electronics," Red Star said. "Doubtless the near future will witness the first atomic aircraft."

Red Star reported on progress of the Soviet aircraft industry on the eve of the arrival of Gen. Nathan F. Twining, U.S. Air Force chief of staff.

Informed sources said Twining would get a close look at some of Russia's top secret installations never before seen by non-Communist foreigners.

Red Star reported the Soviet aircraft industry was building an improved jet passenger version of the TU104 with a capacity of 170 passengers. The TU104, reported to be the only aircraft of its kind, astonished Britons last March when it landed in London with Gen. Ivan Serov, the Soviet security chief, and later with Vice Premier Georgi Malenkov.

Red Star said the TU104 was now being produced steadily and already was in use on internal Soviet airlines. It indicated the improved version would be available before long but did not specify the date.

For a somewhat later future Red Star promised jet planes with a speed of 935 miles to 1242 miles an hour.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger to suspend federal hydroelectric licenses which do not have state approval.

He told the Senate Interior Committee, however, he does not oppose another bill which would require that future hydroelectric projects comply with state laws.

Neuberger told Delzell he was saying he liked the bill as long as it didn't apply to his company.

State agencies failed to approve the Pelton project, Neuberger said, because it would block off the steelhead trout on the Deschutes river. The company, however, obtained a Federal Power Commission license which was upheld by the Supreme Court.

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Committee Debates Division of Funds Under Sales Tax

Sen. Lowry Favors Highway Fund Check

Salem (U.P.)—Drafting of a constitutional amendment clearly stating what funds derived from a proposed sales tax would go into the general fund and what would be allocated to the state highway fund was requested by the Legislative Interim Tax Study committee today.

Committee members expressed belief that any tax collected on sales of automobiles should go into the general fund rather than the highway fund. But the majority of the members favored continuing the present distribution of funds for highway purposes.

Lowry Favors Check
However, State Sen. Phil Lowry of Medford favored a check on the entire highway financial picture in view of impending passage of a new highway bill which would contain large federal grants for Oregon.

Lowry made it clear he was not opposing the construction of an adequate highway system in Oregon. But he thought perhaps that highway receipts might be greater than the commission's ability to utilize them. In that case, he said, surplus funds should go into the general fund.

The research staff of the committee was instructed to obtain figures on future finances and needs from the highway department. The majority of the committee, which already expressed favor of a three per cent sales tax bill.

Special Election Discussed
However, before starting the study the committee devoted some time to discussion of a date for a special election in event the legislature passed and referred a sales tax bill to voters.

State Sen. Rudie Wilhelm Jr., chairman, said he favored an election day set prior to the adjournment of the 1957 legislature, if that was possible. He also said that if Senate joint resolution No. 4 allowing use of the emergency clause on tax measures is approved by voters in November he felt any sales tax measure passed by the legislature would not be referred.

Fire Destroys Tank, Small Pump House
A gasoline fire destroyed a storage tank and a small pump house at the Merlin Fjarli residence, 224 Arnold lane, about 8:30 p.m. yesterday.

The Medford fire department sent a rural pumper to the scene. The department reported that Fjarli was filling the gas tank of a log truck and at the same time using a welding torch on the trailer mounted on the truck. Sparks from the torch ignited the gasoline.

A storage tank with 500 gallons of gas and a small pump house, both about 30 feet from the Fjarli home, were destroyed. The truck, which had been pulled into the road when the pumper arrived, was extensively damaged in the cab and two tires. The residence was undamaged.

Langlie Will Make GOP Keynote Speech
Washington (U.P.)—Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington was chosen today to deliver the keynote speech at the GOP National convention in August.

The choice was made by the Republican Convention Arrangements committee, meeting here to name convention officials.

House Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr. of Massachusetts was understood to be in line for the permanent convention chairmanship and Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland a likely choice for temporary chairman.

Langlie is retiring as governor this year to seek the Senate seat now held by Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, a Democrat.

Merlin Girl Critically Burned in Kerosene Fire
Grants Pass (U.P.)—Virginia Stephens, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Stephens of Merlin, Ore., was critically burned last night in the yard of her home when a blow torch ignited a can of kerosene.

The torch was being used by the child's father when it touched off the kerosene which exploded, showering the girl with flames.

The attending physician said the girl suffered 90 per cent second and third degree burns and her condition was extremely critical.

Her father suffered minor burns on a leg and hands and both were hospitalized at Josephine General hospital here.

Important Iceland Vote Slated Sunday
Reykjavik, Iceland (U.P.)—Candidates for Parliament ended one of the bitterest campaigns in Iceland's history today for an election that will decide the fate of strategic American bases on this North Atlantic island.

The final party rallies were held today. Saturday party workers will concentrate on getting the 93,000 voters to the polls Sunday.

If the leftists win, American military personnel, and perhaps the bases themselves, will have to go. But no neutral observers would predict the outcome.

Foreign Minister Kristinn Gudmundsson, a member of the Progressive party which has split away from the coalition government for the election, said the bases might be allowed to stay if NATO felt they were needed, but not U. S. troops.

Washington (U.P.)—A House Public Works Subcommittee has approved a proposal for federal contribution of flood control costs toward construction of the multiple purpose Oroville Dam on the Feather river in California.

Lower-Than-Usual Labor Force Seen For Pear Harvest

A good pear crop and a lower-than-usual supply of migrant workers indicates Rogue valley fruit growers will employ several hundred Mexican nationals for the 1956 harvest.

This was the general opinion of members of the Fruit Growers league, representatives of the local office of the Oregon state employment service, the farm placement supervisor for the state employment service, and the regional farm placement representative of the U. S. department of labor when they met here yesterday afternoon.

Howard Bush, president, and Robert Norris represented the Fruit Growers' league. Joe D. Wilson, state farm placement supervisor, and Joe Beeson of the regional federal farm placement service, were also present with two members of the Jackson county welfare commission and several men from the local office of the employment service.

4,500 Workers Needed
Wilson, presiding, said the pear harvest will need close to 4,500 workers this year, counting field and packing house employees. Unemployment in this area, like that in the state, is down. Also migrant laborers are not so plentiful as in past years.

The state man estimated that several hundred Mexican nationals would be needed to complete the nine weeks of harvest.

Last year the same situation arose and 450 nationals were employed. Wilson emphasized that foreign laborers do not replace domestic workers, but supplement the local work force. If local people are available they must be used, if qualified, before nationals are employed, he said.

First of Harvest
Norris explained that during the first three weeks of harvest, beginning about half way through August, Bartlett pears are picked. These grow on low trees and much of the work can be done by women and younger people. The next six weeks, however, the picking is of pears which grow on higher trees and pickers need ladders to reach them. These are also the periods when local help declines, and during the last few weeks of the season, students are returning to school, further reducing the labor supply.

The growers try to estimate when the local workers will be dropping off and fill in with Mexican nationals, he said.

Radio Highlights
Dick Applegate, former Medford newspaperman now a National Broadcasting company correspondent, will be heard briefly on the NBC week end show, Monitor, at 8:24 p.m. Saturday, discussing his experiences as a prisoner of the Chinese Communist. The program is heard locally on radio station KMED.

Prime Coating To Be Completed This Week
Crews will complete dust oiling and prime coating on many Jackson county roads this week and asphalt is expected to be applied next week, Paul Rynning, county engineer, reported today.

Rynning added this has been a "tough year" for road work because of interruptions caused by rain.

Workers are now building a detour bridge across Carberry creek west of Copper in preparation for replacing the existing bridge with a new one. The new 108-foot span will be built of steel on a concrete foundation, Rynning explained.

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