

Editors Comment on Ike's Decision

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Editorial comment on President Eisenhower's decision to seek reelection:

The New York Times: The central fact in this decision, we believe, is that it has been made by the President himself and, as such, made in the unquestionably sincere belief that he is fit to run again and will be fit to serve again, if reelected. In these judgments, of course, he may be mistaken. Neither he nor any of us can read the future. . . . We at least know that the Republican party will be led in the next campaign by an internationalist and a humanitarian. Regardless of party preference, that in itself is a cause for gratitude and satisfaction.

New York Daily News: To us, it seems great news. . . . We hope it will be an Eisenhower-Nixon ticket. . . .

New York Daily Mirror — (Hears): The vulgar and often mendacious discussion of President Eisenhower's health has in no manner affected the enthusiasm of the American people for him. There is so much confidence in the man that the people instinctively feel that if President Eisenhower did not believe he could adequately fill the office, he would not want it. . . . The Eisenhower-Nixon ticket will surely please the majority of American voters as it did in 1952.

San Francisco Chronicle: His assurance to the congressional delegation that he is "in better shape than before" his intestinal operation of June 9. . . . cannot with certainty be disputed by anyone. It is probable, of course, that the Democratic opposition will attempt to make capital of the health issue, but the President's appearance of vigor and gaining strength will give the public its own means of judging. . . . Yesterday's news from Gettysburg is heartily welcome.

New York World - Telegram and Sun (Scripps-Howard): The news announced by Sen. Knowland probably won't put an end to the guff being spread by some pretenders to inside information that an unwell man is being pushed into this campaign against his will. This is Ike's decision, all the way, if for no other reason that the one stated by former President Truman, when he heard the announce-

ment. "It had to be," Harry said. "Nobody can make that decision except the President himself." Nobody, but nobody.

New York Post: We believe the weight of the medical testimony is against a second term for him. We believe Mr. Eisenhower no longer has the vigor and stamina for the job. . . . To us it is a very dangerous gamble, not just for the United States, but for the world. This is the age of hell bomb and a moment in history when we need a strong hand—full time, not part time—in the White House. . . . Dwight D. Eisenhower should be settling down now to the quiet years.

Philadelphia Daily News: The build-up was beautiful. The men around Ike—the palace guard and the public relations specialists did a mighty effective job on Ike's announcement that he would, after all, run for a second term. Ike going to run again? Why of course, Senate Republican Leader Knowland said almost casually. . . . It was a deliberate playing down of Ike's second major illness within nine months. The play started with the doctors who said—hours after the emergency operation for ileitis—that Ike was now better than ever. . . . Yesterday's announcement was an expertly

managed change of pace. Ike will pick up the load for the GOP. The build-up was beautiful but the record still stands. The record of what has been happening to the U.S. and to the Free World since Ike was stricken a month ago.

Chicago Sun-Times: President Eisenhower's statement that he is still a candidate for a second term is good news for the nation and the world.

It means that this beloved leader of America has the firm conviction that he can stand the strains and stresses of another four years in the White House.

686½ Votes Needed at Demo Convention To Select Candidate

Chicago — (U.P.) — It will take 686½ votes at the 1956 Democratic convention to nominate the candidate for president.

Delegates will have a total of 1,372 votes. Rules require a majority of these to pick the nominee.

Actually, the number of delegates will top 1,372. Under Democratic National Committee rules, the states may split their votes and name a delegate for each half-vote.

Swelling the crowd in the amphitheater will be hundreds of alternates to cast the vote of delegates who may miss a roll call. This will bring the number of delegates and alternates to between 2,500 and 3,000.

The Democratic National committee has divided the convention votes among the states on the same lines as the 1952 convention, with two possible ways of getting a "bonus."

A state gets four votes more than it had in 1952 if it fell in the Democratic column in the 1952 presidential election, or if it has elected a Democratic governor or senator since Nov. 4, 1952.

New York will have the biggest batch of convention votes, 98. Pennsylvania comes second with 74, followed by California with 68 and Illinois with 64.

Vermont has but six convention votes, the smallest number for any state. North and South Dakota and New Hampshire will have eight each.

Alaska, the District of Columbia, Hawaii and Puerto Rico each have been allotted six votes, and the Canal Zone and Virgin Islands will have three apiece.

Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler has said he hopes the first nominating speeches will be given on the morning of the third day of the convention, Wednesday, Aug. 15.

These may take most of that day, for in addition to the nominating speech itself there are seconding speeches and floor demonstrations. Butler said he hopes to begin the first roll call

Ike Issues Report On Surplus Products

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower reported to Congress today that the government sold or donated \$1,264,800,000 in surplus farm products during the six months ended June 30.

Overseas shipments accounted for most of the total. The new amount brought the total cost of the program under a special disposal act to \$2,953,000,000. The act, adopted in September, 1954, permits the government to sell farm surpluses abroad for foreign currency, to make donations to friendly countries for relief and welfare purposes, to finance shipping charges, to supply relief and welfare organizations and needy persons in this country, and to permit barrier transactions abroad for strategic materials.

Des Moines, Ia. — (U.P.) — Farm mechanization continued relentlessly on Iowa farms in 1955. There were 98,000 head of horses and mules on Iowa farms in 1954, but only 88,000 in 1955.

Dairy Industry Is Important to County

The dairy industry is important to the economy of Jackson county and the state, Richard Westerberg, manager of the Milk Producers league told members of the Medford Rotary club here Tuesday.

In a luncheon address at the Jackson hotel Westerberg emphasized the importance of the high standards established in the former milk control law and advised residents to "talk to the family doctor" if in doubt about the cleanliness and safety of milk sources.

Westerberg, who is president of both the Oregon and Western Milk Producers associations and operates a dairy near Ashland, said that milk is nature's most perfect food, and the milk cow is probably the most unique and efficient manufacturing machine in existence.

"Admirals in the Making," a motion picture, was shown following Westerberg's address. Jennings Pierce introduced the speaker and D. Ford McCormick was program chairman. The Medford Rotary club's new president, Weldon Kline, presided.

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Jet Transport In Test Flight

Seattle — (U.P.) — Boeing Airplane company's 707 jet airliner flew from Seattle to Los Angeles and back Tuesday in less than four hours flying time.

The 707, a prototype of the fleet of jet airliners now in production here, took off at 8:11 a.m. (PST) and landed at Los Angeles at 10:06 a.m. (PST).

The four-engine jet took off on its return trip at 4:58 p.m. (PST) and landed at Boeing field at 6:55 p.m. (PST).

Aboard the \$16,000,000 experimental jet passenger plane were company officials and observers. Among the passengers were Wellwood E. Beall Sr., Boeing vice president, and his son, Cory, 15.

A Boeing spokesman said that Tuesday's flight was the first made to a commercial airport in this country by a commercial-type jet transport.

At Los Angeles, a team of British Overseas Airways corporation engineers, boarded the jet for the return trip.

While the prototype jet cost \$16,000,000 Boeing officials said subsequent models will cost only \$4,500,000 each. The firm reported it had orders for 88 of the jets from domestic and foreign airlines.

French Patrols Kill 29 Nationalist Rebels

Algiers — (U.P.) — French infantry patrols killed 29 Nationalist rebels in Algeria's Constantine Department Tuesday and today, the Army announced.

The announcement came as more than 9,000 French troops supported by artillery and battle planes pushed a gigantic clean-up campaign in an area only 35 miles south of Algiers.

TO JACKSONVILLE

Ashland—Summer students at Southern Oregon college are going to historic Jacksonville on a field trip Wednesday, July 11, to visit the museum and other points of interest according to Dr. Clifford R. Miller who is in charge of the activity.

California Sisters Powder Puff Winners

Flint, Mich.—(U.P.)—The California sisters flying team of Mrs. Frances Bera and Mrs. Edna Bower today were declared the winners of the cross-country Powder Puff Derby.

Mrs. Bera, 31, Los Angeles, and Mrs. Bower, 35, Long Beach, also won last year. Mrs. Bera became the winningest pilot in Powder Puff annals, since she piloted the winning plane in 1953 and was the copilot of the winner in 1951.

The Bera-Bower plane was the 15th to finish the San Mateo, Calif., to Flint course, coming in at 4:45 p.m. Monday. The race started Saturday and the speeds were computed on the basis of time in the air between specified landing points as compared to rated plane and engine performance.

Second place went to Mrs. Alice Roberts, Phoenix, and copilot Mrs. Iris Critchell, Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., while Mrs. Marian Craver, San Diego, and copilot Mrs. Betty Lamberg, also of San Diego, finished third.

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