

Plane With 59 Aboard Lost Over Atlantic

Eisenhower Never Considered Ending Draft, He Claims

End of H-Bomb Tests Also Not Considered

Washington — U.P. — President Eisenhower denied today that he had ever considered announcing during the campaign plans to end the draft and H-bomb tests.

The President also said he would go before the United Nations if he thought such a personal appearance would help solve the Suez Canal crisis.

Mr. Eisenhower reiterated his long standing position that he would go anywhere in the world and do anything to get peace with justice.

At his news conference, Mr. Eisenhower was asked about reports that GOP campaign strategists originally planned announcing an end to the draft and H-bomb tests but had been forced to drop them after Adlai E. Stevenson came out with statements on the two subjects.

Mr. Eisenhower said the reporter was telling him things about his administration he had never heard of. And he said he never had considered any such announcements.

In answer to another question about Stevenson's campaign statements about ending H-bomb tests, Mr. Eisenhower said he had said his last word on the draft and H-bomb test issues in the political campaign.

New Drought Plan

In other highlights of his news conference, Mr. Eisenhower:

1. Said a new drought program would be announced and a conference of all the responsible people in the drought stricken areas will be called after the election.

2. Said he believes the names of all passengers on government-operated ships should be made public. He said he can see no reason on earth why such passenger lists should not be published the day the ship sails.

This comment was in response to a question about reports that members of Congress by the score have been taking free Caribbean cruises on ships of the publicly-owned Panama Line.

3. Said he believes that the managements of U.S. domestic affairs is the main issue in the present political campaign.

4. Said he will have his promised general medical checkup sometime before the end of this month.

5. Again urged all eligible Americans to register to vote in the Nov. 6 election.

6. Indicated he hasn't yet made up his mind on continuing aid to Yugoslavia. He must decide by Oct. 16.

On the political front, Mr. Eisenhower said he is not ready to write off the South as far as Republicans are concerned in the Nov. 6 election.

He said that would be like saying there is a section of the country in which he has no interest. But he said he has no definite plans at present to campaign in the South where four states went Republican in 1952.

As for the chief issues in the campaign, he told reporters that no one is against peace, progress and prosperity, but that the issue is how they are to be achieved.

He said that the Republicans believe in the greatest possible decentralization of government in the hands of local and state governments.

He added that if he could understand the speeches of the Democratic candidates, they start from the other end—with the emphasis on federal government activities.

Moderate Earthquake Felt at Eureka

Eureka, Calif.—U.P.—A moderate earthquake, in two distinct rolling type shocks, was felt here at 8:30 a.m. (PST) today with some damage to dishware reported.

There was no damage to buildings, nor were there any reports of injuries.

The University of California seismograph at Ferndale, 15 miles south of here, registered the quake at a 4 magnitude and said it was still recording on the seismograph 40 minutes after the initial shock. The epicenter was placed in the Pacific Ocean, 100 miles northwest of Ferndale.

The California earthquake may have been felt here, it was reported this morning. Tom Williams, superintendent of Crater Lake National park, said he felt two "faint but distinct" earthquake-type shocks at about the time the Eureka tremor was reported.

His office is in the post office building here.

No other reports of the quake were made locally.



BEAR CREEK BANK WORK—Embankment work on the west bank of Bear creek where the interceptor sewer was washed out in last December's floods, is presently being constructed by F. L. Somers, Medford contractor. Somers was awarded the contract of \$19,253 for the work by the Army corps of engineers, Portland. The project includes 5,620 cubic yards of excavation, 500 yards of embankment from gravel borrow and 4,020 cubic yards of dumped stone revetment. All excavation work on the bank has been completed and gravel layers six inches thick are being constructed. A layer of stone from 1 1/2 to three feet thick will top the gravel. A bulldozer is shown above clearing trash from the bank which will be buried under the gravel and stone layers. Work on the project started Aug. 29 and is scheduled to be completed in about two weeks.

Subcommittees Will Study Orchard Tree Assessments in Area

The Jackson county committee which is studying orchard tree assessments will be divided into two or three subcommittees at the next general meeting Tuesday, Oct. 30.

The subcommittees will conduct individual studies and compare findings on a formula for establishing orchard tax values. When the formula is developed, it will be submitted to the state tax commission with the recommendation that it be considered in establishing future tax rates.

Decision to form the subcommittees was made Wednesday afternoon at the group's first general session in the county courtroom.

Representatives from the state tax commission, the county assessor's office and the board of equalization attended. They explained to the committee that various factors, including age of trees, productivity levels, soil types and orchard locations, can be considered in developing the tax formula. Each factor was discussed at length during the 3 1/2-hour meeting.

Howard Bush, chairman of the committee, presided.

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Boy Fatally Wounded

Talent Youngster Shot While Playing With Cousin Here

Boy Didn't Realize Rifle Was Loaded

Robert Lee Skinner, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Skinner, route 1, box 118, Talent, was accidentally shot and killed about 3:55 p.m. yesterday.

State police said the boy died of a wound inflicted when a 300 savage rifle discharged in the hands of Skinner's 6-year-old cousin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilkins, 1839 Myers lane, Medford. The accident occurred in the bedroom of the Wilkins home.

Mrs. Skinner and her son were visiting at the Wilkins home during the afternoon, police said. When the Wilkins boy came home from school, the two started playing.

Leaves Son

Police said Mrs. Skinner left her son to play with his cousin, when she left to meet her husband after work. Mrs. Wilkins was in the house at the time, they said.

Police said that while Mrs. Wilkins was in the kitchen, the boys continued to play, and apparently went in the bedroom, where the Wilkins' son found the rifle.

Mrs. Wilkins heard a shot shortly after the boys went into the bedroom, police said. She summoned a physician, who notified Jackson County Coroner Carlos Morris, police said.

The boy died almost instantly, Morris said. He was struck in the chest.

Police said apparently the boy did not realize the gun was loaded. They said that Wilkins told them he used the rifle last Saturday, and was sure he had emptied it afterward. However, police said there was one bullet remaining in the gun.

Funeral services for Robert Skinner will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at Litwiller's Mountain View chapel, Ashland. The Rev. J. E. Timmerman, of the Four Square Gospel church will officiate. Interment will take place at Mountain View cemetery.

He was born March 26, 1951, in Ashland.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Skinner; two brothers, Kenny and Doug Skinner, Talent; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Minor Skinner, Phoenix; and Mrs. Zelma Kiser, Ashland.

Bengtson Write-in Movement Starts

A write-in movement in support of O. H. Bengtson for district attorney is under way in Medford, despite the fact that Bengtson himself declares he is "not seeking the office."

Bengtson, a Medford attorney for a number of years, is a former Republican state representative, and was a candidate for district judge in the primary election until he withdrew in favor of the incumbent, Judge Rawles Moore.

He said his telephone "has been ringing night and day" much of this week, with people asking him if he would seek election as DA.

He emphasized this morning that he is not seeking the office, and that if he had wanted it, he would have run for it.

If it were the case of a real "draft" movement, Bengtson said, he would simply have to wait and see how substantial it would prove to be. He would cooperate with it only if he found a large number of people were serious in wanting him to become a candidate, he said.

The two candidates whose names will be printed on the Nov. 6 general election ballot are the incumbent, Walter D. Nunley, Republican and Thomas J. Reeder, Democrat.

The gasoline men told the governor that many major oil companies were forcing the retail price of gasoline so low that independent dealers could not compete.

They claimed that an independent operator had to maintain a 6-cent differential between wholesale and retail price and that, by retaining ownership of the gasoline and by reason of their large operation, the big companies could eliminate the independents from competition.

Dealers, representing Eugene, Medford, Roseburg and other areas of the state, told the governor that they could initiate legal action through the district attorney's office, but that they would rather settle matters outside the courtroom. They claimed the major oil companies were violating the state anti-fair gasoline sales act.

Victor Milnes, Medford, secretary of the association, told Gov. Smith that a similar situation was stopped in Idaho by the intervention of the governor who notified major oil companies that they were violating state law.

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ISRAELIS, JORDAN CLASH

Nathanya, Israel—U.P.—Israel announced today its army had inflicted "heavy losses" on Jordan's Arab Legion in an 8 1/2-hour battle and "cautious estimates" in Israel said 45 Jordanians were killed.

Col. Nehemia Brosh, the Israeli army spokesman, said Israeli casualties were 16 dead, two missing, 12 hospitalized, and a number slightly injured but not hospitalized.

The final Arab toll was expected to be much higher. The fighting was touched off by Israel's punitive attack across the Kalkilya, United Nations border villages were caught up in the fighting that swirled along a 12-mile sector of the frontier.

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Stevenson Taunts Ike On 'Indifference' by GOP Administration

Portland—U.P.—Adlai E. Stevenson, cheered on by a shouting, sign-waving audience of 5,000 supporters, taunted President Eisenhower anew last night about GOP "indifference" to the needs of labor, the unemployed and the schoolroom shortage.

The colorful rally in the Civic Auditorium, complete with sign-waving demonstrations in the aisles, two blaring bands and balloons cascading from the ceiling, so moved the Democratic

presidential candidate that he opened his speech by saying with a smile, "I think it only fair to tell you that I have already been nominated."

Some of his loudest cheers came as he urged the reelection of Sen. Wayne Morse, the Democratic incumbent who left the GOP because of broad differences with Eisenhower policies.

Predicting Morse's victory, Stevenson said, "our party is getting hot, but I didn't know it was on fire in Oregon."

Seldom in this campaign has Stevenson received such an explosive burst of laughter and applause when he pictured Mr. Eisenhower's campaign statements as sounding like Herbert Hoover, but representing the voice of Madison ave.

His first mention of Douglas McKay, the former secretary of interior who is running against Morse, produced a heavy chorus of boos from the heavily partisan audience.

Attacks McKay Policies

His principal attack, aside from his running battle with Mr. Eisenhower himself, was aimed, however, at McKay and his conservation policies.

He led off with McKay as he enumerated the people around the president "who know what they want and get it."

He criticized McKay for turning over Hell's Canyon "to a private power company" and bringing the public power program "almost to a standstill."

He said that in four years there had not been a single new power start in the Northwest, an area which could ill-afford to slow down in public power development.

Autopsy Results Not Available This Morning

Results of an autopsy into the cause of death of Fay Walter Ferris, 56, of Medford, in the city jail Tuesday morning have not yet been made available.

The police department has almost completed its investigation of circumstances leading to Ferris' death, and the Jackson county sheriff's office is also conducting an independent investigation into the death.

At the same time, a substantial number of other Berrydale residents favor the annexation proposal, which the council voted recently to place on the ballot.

A decision as to whether the proposal will remain on the ballot or be dropped will be made at a council meeting at 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday.

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Morse Arrives in Valley for Three Campaign Talks

Sen. Wayne Morse will speak at 8:30 p.m. today at Democratic headquarters in the Esquire theater following an address at the Labor temple at 7:30 p.m.

Senator Morse arrived in Medford this morning for a day of campaigning. He is seeking reelection.

The address at the Labor temple tonight is part of a Candidates' Fair sponsored by the Veterans Allied council of Jackson county. Pat Graham, secretary of the council, said he expected local, state and national candidates to be represented if not attending in person.

Open to Public

The Candidates Fair is open to the public and all candidates, Graham said.

Senator Morse's speech at 8:30 p.m. in the Esquire theater also is open to the public, Larry Sheehan, county party chairman announced.

Late this morning Senator Morse held a coffee hour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kelly. He was scheduled to address an assembly of Southern Oregon college students and faculty at 1 p.m. today.

Oregon's senior senator will make a television appearance on station KBES-TV between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. prior to a Jackson County Democratic Social club dinner.

Senator Morse will remain overnight at the Kelly residence and will leave Medford at 6:15 a.m. tomorrow.

Grandmother Finds Herself in Dilemma By Visit of Storks

Mrs. Elmo Atterbury, 1002 West 11th st., is in a "grandmother's dilemma" today, all because of the stork.

Mrs. Atterbury had promised both her son-in-law and daughter, and her son and daughter-in-law, to help out with the housework when the new babies arrived. But the stork brought them both on the same day.

Yesterday an 8 1/2 pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Christlieb at Sacred Heart hospital a few hours after a 7 1/2 pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Atterbury in Corvallis. The Atterbury infant was born two weeks earlier than expected, and the Christlieb's son two weeks later than planned.

Bulletin

Hong Kong—U.P.—Bioting between Communist and Nationalist Chinese erupted into virtual open warfare in this British Crown colony today. More than 100 persons were reported killed.

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U.S. Air Force Transport Missing With Servicemen

Rescue Squadron Joined by Vessels

London —(U.P.)—A U.S. Air Force transport with 59 homeward bound American servicemen aboard vanished early today over the Atlantic Ocean between England and the Azores.

Within hours the Air Force threw its 9th Air Rescue squadron into operation and "more than a dozen" airplanes began a systematic search for the missing plane, criss-crossing the east Atlantic from southern England to the Azores.

Ships on Lookout

The rescue planes included amphibians, KC97 flying tankers and British Shackleton bombers. Aircraft was called in from Prestwick, Scotland, and Orly Field, Paris, to join the search.

At least three ships in the area were alerted to look for wreckage and survivors.

The plane left the U.S. air base at Lakenheath, England, Wednesday night for a trip to Lagens, in the Azores. It was last heard from 180 miles southwest of Land's End off the southern tip of England.

The big plane, a C118, the military version of the Douglas DC6 transport, was carrying nine crewmen and 50 U.S. servicemen based in England.

The Air Force at midnight alerted ships at sea to watch for the plane. The plane then was four hours overdue. It then had only an hour's more fuel.

Four U.S. Air Force planes swept the Atlantic skies this morning searching for the missing aircraft but found nothing.

An Air Force spokesman said at 7 a.m. the plane would be listed as "overdue" but that he could not confirm it was down at sea. But a wide check of possible landing spots failed to turn up any sign the aircraft had made a forced landing.

GOP 'Truth Squad' Raps Stevenson

Portland—U.P.—The Republican "truth squad" said Adlai Stevenson "misrepresented the Republican record in Washington by resorting to the political trickery of half-truths and near-misses."

The squad, which is composed of three senators and a representative, issued a statement after Stevenson's speech here last night in which the Democratic presidential nominee taunted President Eisenhower about GOP "indifference" to the needs of labor, the unemployed and the schoolroom shortage.

The statement said Stevenson "in at least 12 instances . . . descended to the low road . . ."

The four member team said Stevenson had not been told the whole story on subjects ranging from farm and labor legislation to conservation and the record of former Interior Secretary Douglas McKay.

The squad, made up of Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R-Utah), Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.), Sen. William Purtell (R-Conn.) and Rep. Donald Jackson (R-Cal.), said the Northwest has not been mistreated in appropriation of funds for power and reclamation projects.

Suez Canal Deadlock Remains Unbroken

United Nations, N. Y.—U.P.—Private talks between the foreign ministers of Britain, France and Egypt have failed to break the deadlock in their dispute over the Suez Canal, authoritative sources said today.

The ministers again laid their arguments before United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold in a secret meeting in Hammarskjold's office atop the U.N. headquarters building.

The secretary general also scheduled private talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Dmitri Shepilov and Yugoslav Foreign Minister Koca Popovic.

Weather

FORECAST: Clearing this evening, becoming foggy or low overcast in valley early Friday. Fair Friday afternoon and evening. Chances of frost in valleys where fog does not form. Low tonight 34-36. High Friday 66.

Highest Yesterday 47
Lowest this Morning 33
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