

Speculation Becomes Legitimate on Ike's Choice of Successor

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Washington—(U.P.)—Any time after noon today it will be appropriate for newsmen to ask President Eisenhower to name his choice for the next Republican presidential nomination.



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Mr. Eisenhower will be under increasing pressure from this inauguration day onward to answer a couple of questions urgently interesting to the citizens of the United States. The President is not going to like it. He is likely to lose his temper more than a few times in news conferences between now and the early summer of 1960. The questions to be pressed upon him will be these:

—Who is your choice to succeed you?
—How about your young friend, Richard M. Nixon?

The President will find precedent for a hands-off policy if he decides to play it that way. There is solid precedent, however, for a president to choose and obtain the nomination of his favorite for the White House.

Seaton To Ask Delay In Dam Application

Washington—(U.P.)—Secretary of Interior Fred A. Seaton said yesterday a recent study by his department indicated it would be possible to build a high dam on the Snake river below Hells Canyon.

On the basis of this study, Seaton said he would ask the Federal Power commission to hold up the application of the Pacific Northwest Power Co. to build a dam in the area.

He said this would give the department time to make studies to determine the "ultimate complete feasibility" of a high dam.

Development of power sites on the Snake river on the Idaho-Oregon border long has been a point of dispute between public and private power groups.

Teddy Roosevelt selected William Howard Taft and probably regretted it. FDR probably intended Henry A. Wallace to succeed to the White House when he compelled a reluctant and angry Democratic National convention in 1940 to accept Wallace as its vice presidential nominee.

Mr. Roosevelt's own fourth term disrupted that schedule, and there is some doubt that even FDR could have compelled a Democratic National convention to accept Wallace for the top nomination.

Mr. Eisenhower crowded Vice President Nixon last year close—very close—to withdrawal from the contest for renomination. Whether this was deliberate or unintentional is not yet evident. More likely, the President's artful dodging under the fire of questions about Nixon was a convenient compromise to avoid a showdown with the aggressively active and opposing forces which rallied against the vice president.

It also seems possible, perhaps likely, that Nixon finally was given private assurance that he was the President's choice again for a running mate. However that may be, Nixon almost pulled out, but did not. Something must have changed his mind.

22 Persons Hurt In Train Accident

Milwaukee, Wis.—(U.P.)—Seven cars of a Chicago and North Western Railway streamliner traveling at 70 miles per hour derailed Sunday night, injuring at least 22 persons.

Officials at Milwaukee County General hospital, where 16 of the injured were taken, said no one was hurt seriously and some were released after brief treatment.

The train, the North Western's crack "Peninsula 400," was northbound for Green Bay, Wis., when the rear seven cars left the track about 10 miles north of here in suburban Brown Deer.

The cars tore up half a mile of track, tipped at about a 45-degree angle.

Flames, apparently caused by a gas leak, shot up one side of the lounge car, but quickly disappeared and there was no fire.

Sheriff's officers said most of the passengers remained calm, although some became panicky.

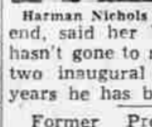


SEEK HALL SUCCESSOR — The Republican National Committee met in Washington to begin task of selecting a successor for Chairman Len Hall who is retiring. Shown at the meeting, (left to right): Meade Alcorn, Jr., GOP Committeeman from Conn., a candidate for the post and Len Hall.

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington—(U.P.)—Speaker Sam Rayburn's sister doesn't know "what happened to Sam this year—



Harman Nichols

he's decided to go to the inaugural ball."

Mrs. Edward Bartley, "Mr. Sam's hostess back home in Bonham, Tex., and his guest for the inaugural week end, said her bachelor brother hasn't gone to more than one or two inaugural balls in the 44 years he has been in Congress.

Former President Herbert Hoover planned to watch President Eisenhower's swearing-in today but not the inaugural parade. Mr. Hoover's physicians advised him against being out for two or three hours in the weather. The only other living ex-president—Democrat Harry S. Truman—declined an invitation to the inauguration.

Hawkers selling inaugural trinkets peddled buttons featuring the likeness of another well-known personality besides that of President Eisenhower—sing-

er Elvis Presley. You could have your choice of buttons reading, "I like Elvis" and "I hate Elvis."

Ninety detectives—"national-ly known for their ability in combating pickpockets"—were on duty for the inaugural festivities. Two Philadelphia detectives, Det. Frank Quinn and Sgt. James O'Dare, arrested two men Sunday immediately after arriving in town and before they could report to the police headquarters for duty. This ruined the last inaugural record when not a single pickpocket report was made. The better class of pickpockets there days has gone into con games and the fraudulent check writing, police said.

Millionaires and near-millionaires arrived for the inauguration in their own private planes. Among them were John Hay (Jockey) Whitney, newly appointed ambassador to Great Britain, movie star Gene Autry, oilman Sid Richards and Henry Ford II.

A man who could have covered the 2.5-mile inaugural parade route in a matter of seconds was slowed to the pace of ordinary marching units. Maj. Clyde A. Curtin, Victoria, Tex., was selected to ride in the Air Force's new supersonic F104 jet fighter, but all he had to do was sit because the plane was towed, not flown, along the parade route. Major Curtin, 36, one of the youngest command pilots in the Air Force, flew 136 missions in Korea and shot down five Russian-built Mig 15s.

The Secret Service didn't exactly disarm movie cowboy Monty Montana for this year's parade but it made him promise not to use his lasso. Four years ago, Montana gave Mr. Eisenhower's boyguards a bad time by throwing his rope around the President as he rode by the reviewing stand on his fancy horse.

4-H Club News KANDY KIDS

The Kandy Kids cooking club of Central Point met Tuesday, Jan. 15. The meeting was led by Joan Dobrot, president. It was decided that the club would have dinner at Kim's restaurant and tour the kitchen at the next meeting.

New record books were distributed and a skit for the International Farm Youth Exchange program to be held in March was discussed. Members discussed their last month's clothing collection, in which eight large boxes of clothes were gathered and sent to Hungary. After the meeting members divided into couples and each couple did something toward getting dinner, setting the table or cleaning. The menu consisted of jellied fish salad, hamburger, Spanish rice, applesauce, green beans, home made bread, milk and peach cobbler.

Patsy Charley, Reporter.

SHEEP CLUB

The Applegate Sheep club met at the school Jan. 17. Charles Elmore was elected president, Gwen Krouse, vice president, and Miriam Gopen, secretary and news reporter. The next meeting will be held Feb. 15 at 8 p.m. Miriam Gopen, Secretary.

Door Prizes, High Dividend Rates Offered To Attract Dollars From Small Depositors

Chicago—(U.P.)—Savings banks are scrambling for the small depositor's dollars in today's money market across the nation. Financial institutions have boosted interest and dividend rates, stepped up their advertising sharply and, in some instances even abandoned gentlemen's agreements against openly displaying the rates they pay.

Iraq Crown Prince On Way To Washington

London—(U.P.)—Crown Prince Abdul Illah of Iraq, spokesman for four pro-Western Moslem nations, arrives in London today en route to Washington with an appeal for greater U.S. support against Communism.

He took off from Ankara, Turkey, shortly after a week end conference with leaders of Turkey, Iran and Pakistan which, with Iraq, are the four Moslem members of the anti-Communist Baghdad Pact.

King Saud of Saudi Arabia, a member of the Arab neutralist bloc, sailed for Washington from Naples Sunday, following another Arab "summit" meeting in Cairo with Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser, King Hussein of Jordan and Syrian Premier Sabri El Assali.

Greek Cypriots Strike in Cyprus

Nicosia, Cyprus—(U.P.)—Greek Cypriots declared a general strike throughout Cyprus today and firemen battled to check four huge fires which swept through Greek-owned shops in downtown Nicosia.

Police said the fires were set by Turkish youths to avenge the death of a Turkish policeman by a bomb tossed by a Greek Cypriot extremist.

The general strike was called less than 24 hours after rioting Greeks and Turks clashed throughout the old walled city of Nicosia in the worst inter-communal strife since last May.

before it gets better," he added. Dividend Rates Jumped

Six San Francisco savings and loan firms were among the most recent to jump dividend rates. They boosted their rates from 3½ to 4 per cent annually last week to meet competition of major commercial banks which raised from 2 to 3 per cent.

Most banks and building and loan associations throughout the United States have upped dividends or interest at least ½ of 1 per cent during recent months. Some have made sharper increases in bids for savers' business.

One Chicago savings bank offers one dollar in life insurance for each dollar deposited, a savings and loan bank gives a name-brand portable TV set for each \$5,000 account, and another lures potential customers with a lottery giving away an automobile and a paid vacation.

Books, Too

A Cleveland savings and trust company promises a Webster's comprehensive dictionary and encyclopedia for deposits of \$250 or more.

A bank in Garden City, N.Y., presents four books—including a cookbook for Mom and a do-it-yourself volume for Dad—to savers who put in at least \$100.

Thousands of banks and savings and loan firms hand out gifts ranging from wallets and pads to cameras, clocks and pencil sets in return for the privilege of using depositors' money.

The more costly lures—which usually have strings attached or accompany relatively low rates—are thrown out by institutions under state supervision. The Federal Home Loan Bank board last September placed a \$2.50 maximum limitation on give-

aways for opening accounts insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation.

"The giveaways were getting out of hand," a home loan bank spokesman said.

However, the board has not so far curbed the practice of enticing potential savers inside savings bank doors with expensive door prizes.

Advertising Drive

In a number of cities—notably Atlanta and Chicago—savings firms are bidding for deposits with concerted newspaper, radio and direct mail advertising. Working on the theory that money talks louder than free prizes, many frankly stress their "going" rates.

"They're breaking the traces of a gentlemen's agreement against advertising dividend rates," a Chicago bank official said. "And you're going to see a lot more of it."

Many ads offer depositors a full month's interest if deposits are made by the 15th of the month. One Chicago concern pays interest from the 1st if the deposit is made by the 21st. In pre-tight money" days the 10th day of the month was the generally accepted cut off date.

Building and loan dividend rates average about 3½ per cent in the South, 3 to 3½ per cent in the East, 3 to 4 per cent in the Mid-west and 3½ to 4 per cent in the West, the survey showed. Banks are paying about ½ per cent less for over-the-counter deposits.

Home mortgage loan rates have climbed correspondingly—to 5½ to 6 per cent over most of the nation, the survey showed. "Closing fees" for home mortgages also have been boosted in some cities, and building and loan officials everywhere admit the "tight money" situation has forced them to put their lending on a much more "selective" basis.

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