

London Paper Says Eisenhower Prestige In 'Shocking Decline'

London—(U.P.)—Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express said today President Eisenhower's prestige has undergone a "swift and shocking decline."

Reverend MacColl, New York correspondent of the Express, gave three reasons for what he called the President's "gradual decline."

"Firstly, his all too obviously fragile health at a time of world crisis."

"Secondly, the extraordinary manner in which he recently has been cutting himself off from those who would normally expect to see him."

"Thirdly, the hand to mouth and 'let's play it by ear' way in which the U.S. administration has been tackling the great problems of the day, notably the Middle East."

MacColl began his story by saying, "I write this article with a heavy heart. For I have to report the gradual fading out of a man loved and respected by millions throughout the world—Eisenhower, the President of the United States."

Bonn—(U.P.)—The West German newspaper Abendpost said today in a front-page dispatch from Washington that President Eisenhower's health is causing concern there.

It said political circles in Washington were asking more and more frequently "what is wrong with Eisenhower?" The President appears to possess his old energy but has lost weight.

Brothers Killed in Collision Near Shedd

Albany, Ore.—(U.P.)—Two young brothers en route to a wedding in Portland were killed early yesterday and three other members of their family critically injured in a two-car crash about one mile north of Shedd on Highway 99E.

Police identified the dead as 17-year-old Joseph Myron Launer of Selma, Calif., and Lloyd Launer, 23, of Berkeley, Calif. In critical condition at an Albany hospital are John Launer, 20, brother of the two victims; Paul Launer, 49, father of the youths; and Mrs. Lloyd Launer, 18, wife of one of the victims.

Police said that the younger brother was driving the death car and apparently lost control of the vehicle when it struck a gravel shoulder. The car careened into the path of a truck driven by Robert Eugene McCauley of Portland.

Evidence Lacking In Labor-Rackets Link at Portland

Washington—(U.P.)—The Senate Rackets Investigating Committee has found evidence of ties between union officials and underworld characters, but no evidence racketeers infiltrated the AFL-CIO Teamsters Union itself, a committee member said today.

Sen. Pat McNamara (D-Mich.), a former official of the Steamfitters Union, said hearings so far have not turned up "too much" of a link between the Teamsters and the Portland, Ore., underworld.

The committee, in recess today, began a new stage of its waiting game with Teamster President Dave Beck.

No Subpoena Issued
Beck, travelling under the name of "Mr. David," flew into New York from Europe Sunday and sped by plane to his home in Seattle, Wash., evading all questions as to whether he will appear before the committee.

Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.), committee chairman, said on being informed of Beck's return, "I assume he will get in touch with the committee soon."

Robert F. Kennedy, committee counsel, said no subpoena has been prepared for Beck and the committee is waiting for him to turn over his "personal financial" records as requested three weeks ago.

Beck's Blasts Beck
The committee wants to see Beck's records, and eventually question him, about charges involving his \$160,000 home near Seattle and allegations of racket links of his biggest-in-the-nation union.

The Teamster chief was the target of another blast Sunday by AFL-CIO Vice President James B. Carey. Carey said Beck has brought the trade union movement "into disgrace" by "tolerating" corruption within his union.

Carey said Beck does not comply with the AFL-CIO constitution, its code of ethics or its anti-raiding policy, and does not respect the rights of other unions.

He said labor is "going to be smeared" by the committee hearings, but added he does not believe the group is "intentionally" doing this.

4-H CLUB NEWS

CENTRAL POINT SPARKPLUGS
The Central Point Sparkplugs tractor club met at the home of the leader, Morse Frink on Feb. 16. Members practiced driving and backing a trailer. They also learned the correct way to service a tractor's oil filter and to add needed oil. Various lubrication points of a tractor were also noted.

From the operator's manuals, members learned different lubricant capacities of the cooling system, gas tank and crank case and the time in working hours that each lubrication point should be lubricated.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Frink. Next meeting will be held on March 16 at the home of the leader.

Reporter,
Bob Kuest

The diamond rattler is the U.S. most deadly snake.

Mexico Frogman Dies In Hunt for Bodies; Killers Tell Method

Acapulco, Mexico—(U.P.)—Apolonio Castillo, Mexican Olympic swimming champion was drowned early today while searching Acapulco harbor for the bodies of two murdered New York tourists.

Castillo, 32, was one of several frogmen looking for the bodies of attorney Joseph Michel, 70, and Mrs. Edith Hallock, 63, who were killed and tossed into the harbor by a Mexican travel agent and his illiterate handy man.

Castillo, who represented Mexico in the 1956 Olympics, was wearing an aqualung when he disappeared. It was not known if his oxygen failed.

Luis Fenton, 33, a hotel tourist agency owner, and Daniel Rios admitted Sunday they beat

Benefits To Oregon Seen by Neuberger

Washington—(U.P.)—The establishment of an industrial power marketing agency by the state would give Oregon expanded benefits of the public power preference clause, Sen. Richard Neuberger said today.

The Oregon Democrat said he received an opinion from the Legislative Reference service of the Library of Congress, which "makes it evident that an agency of the state of Oregon can qualify as a preference customer under the terms of the Bonneville Power Act."

Neuberger said establishment of such an agency by the new state administration "would knock in the head the time-worn argument that Oregon is at a disadvantage because of the preference clause."

Portland Police Chief Sends Report on Vice

Portland—(U.P.)—Police Chief William J. Hilbrunner said today he had sent a special vice squad report to Washington, D.C. to Mayor Terry Schrunk answering charges that 35 vice spots have operated in Portland since Jan. 1.

The charges were made last Friday in hearings before the special Senate Rackets Committee. Lt. Dudley W. Nelson of the vice squad described the Washington reports as "highly inaccurate" and said the squad turned in 24 vice arrests for January of this year and 97 such arrests in February.

Prominent Conductor Confined To Hospital

New York—(U.P.)—Bruno Walter, 81-year-old conductor, was reported "resting comfortably" today after suffering a possible heart attack.

Walter, German-born maestro, was stricken Saturday and taken to Flower & Fifth ave. hospital.

Walter, regarded by many critics as the foremost living conductor, had been scheduled to conduct Mozart's "Magic Flute" at the Metropolitan Opera Saturday afternoon. A substitute conductor took his place.

The U.S. Weather bureau was organized under control of the Department of Agriculture July 1, 1891.

Michel and Mrs. Hallock to death with a baseball bat on Feb. 20, after robbing them of \$80,000 worth of jewelry and about \$160 in cash. The victims' bodies, bound in chains, were tossed from a glass-bottomed boat.

A Simple Boat Ride
"It was just a matter of arranging a simple boat ride," master-mind Fenton, 33, told police.

Rios, 35-year-old father of five children, who worked for Fenton for \$1.60 a day, said Fenton offered him 30,000 pesos (\$2,400) to bludgeon Michel and the wealthy widow with a baseball bat.

The fatal voyage in a glass bottom boat lasted only 40 minutes, the murders said, then they returned to shore and calmly took another tourist couple out into the bay to fish until 1 a.m. Police took the confessed killers on the boat Sunday to reenact the crime a mile off this famous scenic resort.

The men said Michel was killed first. Fenton held the struggling Mrs. Hallock while Rios knocked her unconscious. "Just like I was hitting out home runs," Rios said.

"Michel never knew what hit him," he said.

"It Was Simple"
When Mrs. Hallock leaped to her feet, Fenton grabbed her while Rios hit her with the bat, according to the confession.

"It was simple," Rios said. "There was no struggle. There was only one little yelp. I don't think they really knew what hit them."

Rios told police he did not hesitate when Fenton offered him 30,000 pesos to wield the bat.

"I would die for 30,000 pesos," he said. "It was just the same to me—murder or robbery—when I heard about the 30,000 pesos."

Rios said he was "only a little sorry" for what he had done and "probably" would do it again, "if I got the chance."

Post High School Education Is Topic

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Robert Gordon Sproul, president of the University of California, will speak before some 350 governors, lawmakers and educators next month on the growing problem of "the challenge of education beyond high school."

A spokesman for the university said Sproul had been selected as keynote speaker at the Western Regional Conference on higher education.

The meeting, in cooperation with an education committee appointed last year by President Eisenhower, will explore problems of post high school education.

Business and professional leaders, educators and legislators from 13 western states and territories were expected to attend the meeting.

A 24-HOUR OPERATION
Des Moines, Iowa—(U.P.)—A district judge had no trouble dividing a car between a 21-year-old couple in a divorce settlement. The judge ruled Leon Burk should use the car by night and his ex-wife should drive it by day. The Burks agreed without complaint.

Clerk Runs TV Winnings to \$88,000

New York—(U.P.)—Teddy Nadler, a \$70-a-week St. Louis stock clerk, ran his total quiz show winnings to \$88,000 Sunday night on "The \$64,000 Challenge," television program. He is in a tie for another \$8,000.

Nadler defeated two opponents and tied with a third in separate categories to win \$24,000. In three earlier challenges he had won \$32,000, \$16,000 and \$16,000.

Restaurantier Toots Shor lost a \$16,000 match to Nadler Sunday night on "baseball."

In an \$8,000 "ancient history" question, Nadler defeated Dr. Thaddeus Phillips Howe, a pretty archaeologist and lecturer at Brandeis university, Waltham, Mass.

Mrs. Howe, Belmont, Mass., missed two parts of a question dealing with Alexander the Great. Nadler answered correctly.

Nadler tied with Dr. Austin Ranney, associate professor of political science at the University of Illinois, on a "Civil War" question dealing with the Vicksburg campaign in 1863.

Prosecutor Retained For Guy Cramer Trial

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—District Attorney Richard Beesley said today that Charles Raymond of Portland had been retained as special prosecutor for the first degree murder trial of Guy Cramer, scheduled for Monday, March 18.

Beesley said the state planned to call about 20 witnesses in its case against the 76-year-old man accused of slaying Fred Peterson, County Welfare Commission chairman, during a commission meeting.

Raymond currently is in Washington, D.C., acting as a counsel for Joseph McLaughlin, a Seattle man testifying before the Senate Labor Rackets committee.

Knowland Predicts Congressional Cut In Foreign Aid Fund

Washington—(U.P.)—Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland of California said today Congress probably would cut President Eisenhower's foreign aid program by \$1 billion.

On the other side of the aisle Senate Democratic Whip Mike Mansfield of Montana joined economy minded congressmen in urging the Congress to chop \$1 billion out of the President's \$4.4 billion aid program.

Mansfield said the cuts should come mainly in military assistance. But he urged that technical assistance, the so called "point four" programs, should be stepped up considerably.

Knowland's View Disputed
Meanwhile, Eric Johnston, who headed a presidential advisory board which last week recommended increased aid spending, sharply disputed Knowland's view that no economic aid be extended to Communist Poland.

Johnston said aid to Communist satellite countries is "essential" to win them over to the West. Poland has sent a special mission to Washington to negotiate possible aid and loans from the United States.

Knowland voiced concern over the week end that U.S. aid to Poland would become "the opening wedge for a Communist Marshall plan" to the satellites.

Knowland today repeated his prediction that Congress eventually would trim Mr. Eisenhower's \$71.8 billion budget by more than \$2 billion.

'Substantial Cuts' Opposed
He was asked if he thought Congress would knock out a billion dollars in aid requested by the President. Many budget conscious lawmakers have been eyeing the program as the likeliest place to start wielding the economy ax.

"I would think it would probably be," Knowland replied.

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Bonneville Restores Power Requirements

Portland—(U.P.)—All remaining industrial interruptible power requirements served by Bonneville Power Administration were restored Saturday.

BPA Administrator William A. Pearl said present favorable weather trends indicate that possibilities are good for carrying all power loads during the remainder of the draw-down period.

PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

Katmandu, Nepal—(U.P.)—Ellsworth Bunker, new U.S. ambassador to Nepal, presented his credentials to King Mahendra in the throne room of the old royal palace Friday night. Bunker also is U.S. ambassador to India.

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