

# Eisenhower Has No Intention of Strauss Withdrawal

Washington—(UP)—President Eisenhower told Republican congressional leaders today he has no intention of withdrawing the nomination of Secretary of Commerce Lewis L. Strauss.

Senate GOP Leader Everett M. Dirksen reported to newsmen after the weekly legislative conference at the White House that the President authorized him to make the announcement.

Dirksen said Eisenhower's decision to keep Strauss' nomination before the Senate would stand even if Strauss himself asked that it be withdrawn. Dirksen said he did not believe Strauss had any intention of pulling out.

**Confirmation in Doubt**  
The Senate vote on confirmation of Strauss to the cabinet post is in doubt. Debate on the nomination is due to begin later this week, probably Thursday.

Reports circulated over the week end, mostly among senators opposed to Strauss, that the President planned to withdraw the controversial appointment.

Dirksen said the announcement authorized by Eisenhower "ought to allay the rumors and propaganda."

"The nomination definitely will not be withdrawn. The struggle will go on," he said. Asked if the President might change his mind if it appeared that Strauss might be defeated, Dirksen replied: "I know of no qualification."

**Expected Victory**  
Dirksen reiterated his belief that Strauss would win Senate approval, but said he was not guessing as to how Republican senators would line up on the question.

Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (Calif.), assistant GOP Senate leader, predicted that Eisenhower would stand firm on

the nomination.  
"The President looks on Strauss as a highly competent official who served under Roosevelt and Truman as well as his own administration," Kuchel said. "So far as the President is concerned, this nomination will go to a roll call."

## Commencement Set at St. Mary's

Commencement exercises for seniors of St. Mary's High school will be held at 8 o'clock tonight at Sacred Heart Catholic church.

The Very Rev. Carl Mai, pastor, will confer diplomas on 37 students, the largest class in the history of the school. The Rev. Cornelius Linehan will address the students.

Robert Farra, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Farra, L.B. star route, box 26, Eagle Point, is valedictorian. Co-salutatorians are Mollie Reavis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Reavis, 220 South Oakdale ave., and Sharon Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Roberts, 730 West 14th st.

Other graduates are Diane Adams, Francis Ahern, Mary Austin, Mary Crevier, Harold Daley, Carol Depper, Dennis Duggan, Karen Dunn, Laurene Espey, Michael Feiss, Marvin Frazier, Dolores Hartley, Judith Kaiser, Gary Kirsch, David Mansfield, Carl Michael, Gary Miksche, Robert Morrison, Jeanette Nougier, Lynda Pirkey, James Reneau, Laurence Schaefer, Judith Singler, Lorraine Smith, Paul Smith, Constance Sokolowski, Maxine Stinson, Richard Theiler, Carmen Valentine, Karen Van Dyck, Dorothy Ward, Richard Wehren, Alice Young and John Zelenik.

**Flier Will Attempt New Distance Record**  
Casablanca, Morocco—(UP)—Max Conrad, San Francisco, the "flying grandfather" took off today in an attempt to set a new world distance record for a light single-engine plane.

Conrad is trying to fly direct from this Moroccan port to El Paso, Tex. He hopes to cover the 7,000 miles in about 50 hours.

**Teen-Age Girls Blamed for Fire**  
Portland—(UP)—Fire slightly damaged a cottage at the Childrens Home Inc. here early today and fire investigators said five teen-age girls were responsible for the blaze.

The fire was discovered about 1:33 a.m. about two hours after firemen were sent to the institution on a false alarm. Firemen said the false alarm had been touched off by two girls who held a lighted match under one unit of a fire alarm sprinkler system.

Investigator John Farber said the five girls, who were taken to the county juvenile home, were in the cottage with about 20 other children. The building is in back of the main structure. He said the girls apparently planned the fire because the false alarm failed to create the excitement they had hoped for.

Farber said the five girls set an alarm clock for 1:30 a.m. Newspaper was set afire in a first floor closet and the girls then aroused the others. A fire detective system in the closet sent an alarm to the fire department in about one minute. Damage was about \$800. There were no injuries.

**Court Records**  
MUNICIPAL COURT  
Johnnie Edmund Vandergriff, excessive noise (exhaust), \$5; no operator's license, \$10.  
Jack Lee Mentor, displayed expired plates, \$5.  
Dorothy Jean Stevens, disobeyed traffic sign, \$5.  
David Denton Blair, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
William McMahers, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Roderick Lamar Cameron, disobeyed traffic sign, \$5.  
Joe Sidney Dix, disobeyed red light, \$5, \$10.  
David William Byers, excessive noise (pipes), \$5.  
Ralph Edward McClure, improper lane usage, \$10.  
Richard Thomas Kingen, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
William Doyle Pennington, no tail light, \$2.50.  
Leo Robert Benhke, excessive noise (tires), \$5.  
Raymond Emery Fokla, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Edith Gertrude Smith, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.  
Wayne Chester Bennett, improper left turn, \$5.  
Jollie Opal Welch, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Janet Anne Buttram, disobeyed red light, \$10.  
Margaret Isabelle Fry, disobeyed yellow light, \$10.  
Annie Jane Breerton, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Nora Belle Hodgson, improper left turn, \$5.  
Thomas Earl Manley, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
George Sherman Marine, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Mary Elaine Schortgen, disobeyed red light, \$10.  
Roger Allen Jones, violation of basic rule, \$15.  
Richard Meriel Ware, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Richard Roy Zediker, excessive noise (exhaust), \$5.  
Aaron Wallace Jones, displayed expired plates, \$2.50.  
Dorothy Juana Jordan, disobeyed traffic sign, \$5.  
Charles Henry Manning, following too close, \$10.  
Roland Lawrence Rentro, disobeyed red light, \$10.  
Margaret S. Hanawalt, violation of basic rule, \$10.

# Retarded Youth Admits Setting SF School Fire

San Francisco—(UP)—A mentally retarded boy insisted today that he touched off a \$300,000 fire which gutted an elementary school although his father said tearfully he could not have done it.

Arson inspectors placed Magid Bateh, 12, in the Youth Guidance center pending further investigation of the blaze which charred the Jefferson elementary school early Sunday.

Magid's father, Elias, pleaded in vain late Monday with Judge Melvyn L. Cronin for his son's release.

"This is not right," the grocer cried. "My boy was with me Saturday night. How could he have set the fire?"

**Father Reminded**  
Cronin reminded the distraught father of the boy's confession and of the fact that preliminary investigation indicated the fire was set late Friday.

Magid, an "ungraded" pupil because of his mental deficiency, told investigators he broke into the school to destroy a spelling paper in which he had made an error.

He was quoted as saying he touched a match to the paper in the principal's office and fled.

Early investigation showed the fire apparently started in the principal's office and smoldered undetected for more than 24 hours.

Principal Elvora Fuller said the boy was "an unfortunate child under psychiatric care who invents wild and weird stories. His school work is ungraded because he is not conscious of grade levels."

**Driver Kneels in Prayer Beside Wreck**  
Chicago—(UP)—Police clocked James Perry, 24, of Gary, Ind., at 100 miles an hour a moment before his car sliced through a heavy guard rail and plunged down a 100-foot embankment.

They found Perry, unhurt, kneeling beside the car in prayer.

**DEFENDS 'BARE' RIGHTS**  
Milan, Italy—(UP)—French dancer Rita Renoir said Monday she would contact attorneys to defend her "freedom of strip-teasing" from critical Italian officials. Rita was ordered to leave Italy after police halted her act at the Maschere Theater here.

# Middlemen Said To Get All of Increase In Prices for Food

Washington—(UP)—Farmers got none of the 20 per cent increase in food prices over the past 10 years, the House Agriculture Committee has reported. Middlemen got it all.

In fact, the committee said in a study, the prices paid to farmers dropped eight per cent during the decade. The amount the average family paid for middlemen's marketing and processing charges jumped 44 per cent in the same period.

**Deterioration Illustrated**  
Chairman Harold D. Cooley (D-N.C.) said that the study "illustrates graphically the deterioration of farm income

during recent years while other areas of the nation's economy have experienced unprecedented prosperity."

The study said processors and marketing firms "have been successful in adding greatly increased charges to the farmers' products before they reach the consumers."

It said food was 20 per cent more expensive than 10 years ago "and all the increase in retail prices—and more—goes to the middlemen, none accrues to farmers."

The study said the average city family spent \$1,310 for food last year. Of this, \$829 went for marketing and processing charges and \$411 represented the farm value of U. S. food.

**Increased Outlay**  
Between 1947 and 1949 the typical city family spent an average of \$1,050 annually for food, including \$576 for processing and marketing costs and \$474 for the U. S. commodities themselves. The rest of the money in both periods went for imported foods.

The committee said a greater demand for prepared, frozen and specially packaged foods accounted for much of the increased outlay for processing and marketing. It also said the middlemen experienced higher expenses which they passed along to consumers.

**Flash Floods Cause Heavy Damage**  
By United Press International  
Pounding rains sent flash floods swirling through parts of the Cleveland, Ohio, area and Columbus, Ga., Monday causing damage in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In the upper Great Lakes, scattered frost occurred during the night as the mercury plunged to 30 degrees at Pellston, Mich.

More than three inches of rain crashed on the Cleveland area, forcing about 50 families to move to higher ground from three communities near Cleveland.

Heavy rains Monday night on top of four days of showery weather sent floodwaters into low-lying areas at Columbus, Ga. Sixty-two persons were evacuated from their homes.

**Officers To Be Installed by Club**  
Phoenix—New officers of Phoenix Lions club and Lady Lions will be installed at the Tally Ho in Talent Wednesday, June 3. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dwyer will be installing officer. Dwyer is past president of Crater Lions.

Johnny Klassen will serve as Lions president for the coming year; A. E. Conbruck, first vice president; Dan Foxworthy, second vice president; R. U. Tretault, secretary-treasurer; Mike Wrede, tail twister; Don Korth, lion tamer and Leonard Halfhill, two years, John Caulkins, one year, directors.

Mrs. Leonard Carlson will be installed as president of the Lady Lions; Mrs. Leonard Halfhill, first vice president; Mrs. C. A. Stothers, second vice president; Mrs. Fred Barbeau, secretary; Mrs. D. P. Foxworthy, treasurer, and lion trainer, Mrs. Harlan Glasscock.

Ushers will be Mrs. Vincent Claffin and Mrs. Ernest James.

Lloyd Nordwick, chairman, will be a special guest at the meeting.

**Credit Union Must Pay License Fee**  
Salem—(UP)—Credit unions must pay an annual license fee but are exempted from the corporate excise tax. Attorney General Robert P. Thornton said today.

The opinion was requested by J. F. M. Slade, superintendent of banks.

# 180 Receive SOC Diplomas in Park Exercises Sunday

Ashland—Featured by the address of Dr. Orlo M. Brees, nationally known speaker and public relations expert, and the conferring of diplomas by President Elmo N. Stevenson, the 33rd annual Southern Oregon college Commencement program was held Sunday in Lithia park.

Preceding the program, the SOC band, directed by Glenn T. Matthews, provided the musical prelude. Numbers ranged from the "Amparito Roca" (Spanish March), Texidor, to "Yeoman of the Guard, Overture," Sullivan.

Student Blaine Pruitt conducted the band for the professional in the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" by Elgar.

Greetings from the state board of higher education were from J. W. Forrester, Jr., Constant Expansion.

Explaining, often in humorous quips and anecdotes, how an individual's horizons underwent constant expansion throughout his lifetime, Dr. Brees pointed out that convictions were the necessary fences which should be a part of life's developing horizons. However, he decried the "fence building" which covered bigotry, intolerance, and cruelty to man's fellow man.

From the more than 180 students upon whom Dr. Stevenson conferred diplomas, seven students graduated cum laude, having achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher during their college careers.

Those honored were Rose Marie Davis, Eagle Point; Ellen Hegler, Ashland; Eugenia McCoy, Klamath Falls; Florence Moore, Ashland; Sharon Ostrander, Roseburg; Melba Snow, Lakeview; and Crystal Wilson, Roseburg.

Dr. Bill Sampson, chairman of the education division, presented 141 bachelor of science in education degrees. Nineteen candidates for the bachelor of science in general studies were presented by Dr. Alva Graham, director of graduate studies. The candidates for master of science, 26 in number, also were presented by Dr. Graham.

St. Island got its affectionate nickname of "God's 27 1/2 Acres" from one of the 15 million immigrants who came through that New York doorway to become American citizens.

# Awards Presented At St. Mary's

Presentation of special awards was made at a recent St. Mary's high school assembly by the Very Rev. Carl Mai, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic church.

The school principal, Sister Gerard Mary, announced the awards.

Proficiency in typewriting certificates were given to Lorraine Smith and Constance Sokolowski; library service awards to Dolores Hartley and Constance Sokolowski; the Eric W. Allen Oregon Scholastic Press certificate for newspaper service, to Sharon Roberts; and certificates for outstanding service on the Yearbook, to Diane Adams and Marvin Frazier.

Bob Farra, Sharon Roberts, Mollie Reavis, Francis Ahern, Constance Sokolowski and Mary Crevier received special mention as active members of the National Honor society.

Other special awards to the graduates were as follows: honorary scholarship to Maryhurst college, Mollie Reavis; four-year renewable scholarship to Maryhurst college, Mary Crevier; one-year tuition scholarship to Southern Oregon college, Mary Austin; Christ the King award for excellence in Religion, Sharon Roberts; citizenship pin for devotedness in curricular and extra-curricular work, Constance Sokolowski; gift to Student Body President Marvin Frazier for loyal and devoted work.

**Refusal To Salute Brings Army Trial**  
San Antonio, Tex.—(UP)—Army recruit Lou A. Lennear, 20, faced a general court martial today for refusing to salute an officer.

He said he had religious objections against saluting officers. Lennear, from Oakland, Calif., is a member of the Jehovah Witnesses religious sect.

The alleged offense occurred March 12 when he failed to salute Capt. Henry H. Gaskins. The following day, he was on his way to explain why he hadn't saluted the captain, and failed to salute Gaskins a second time.

Army authorities put him in the Fort Sam Houston stockade where prisoners aren't permitted to salute. Lennear enlisted in the Army Nov. 25.

# Medford Youth Gets Degree from Whitman

Walla Walla, Wash.—Carl James Christenson, Jr., son of C. J. Christenson, 441 Lozier lane, was among 156 seniors graduating last week from Whitman college.

He is a graduate of John Rogers High school in Spokane and majored in political science at Whitman.

**HONORS SKY-WATCHERS**  
Washington—(UP)—The House has approved a resolution honoring civilian volunteers of the Ground Observer Corps "for their devotion, sacrifice and spirit." The resolution said the corps, which was inactivated Jan. 31, made a "great contribution" to the nation's security.

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# Americans Told To Shun Brief Attire

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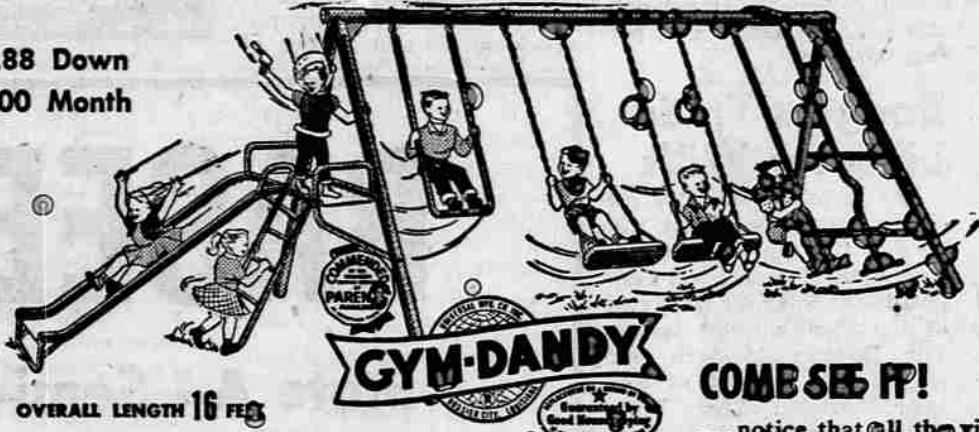
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