

New Hampshire Election May Be Republican Test

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Republicans seeking their party's presidential nomination for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower may put a lot of their political eggs in the March 11 New Hampshire basket.

The prevailing opinion among Eisenhower rosters now appears to be that the general will say nothing if his name is entered on the Republican ticket, awaiting results of the New Hampshire vote before making any public statement.

Sen. Carlisle (R-Kan.), latest of the Eisenhower camp's leaders to set the general at his North Atlantic treaty organization headquarters in Paris, apparently does not look for any earlier action.

Sen. Duff (R-Pa.), another of the leaders, has delayed making a trip to Paris which he had scheduled this month. Duff has let it be known he fully expects to get a political go-ahead signal from the general when he does go.

Edward Bacon and Ralph Immel, Eisenhower backers in Wisconsin, told reporters they would accept the general's silence in New Hampshire as an indication he is in the race and would proceed from there.

The general's name can't go on unless he files an affidavit that he is a candidate by January 15. Thus a technically unstructured slate might have to be organized for him.

Petitions are expected to be filed to put Eisenhower's name on both the Republican and Democratic tickets in New Hampshire. They must be filed by January 30 and the general would then have 10 days in which to withdraw his name, if he chose.

TWO-WAY If he ignores the issue, his name conceivably could go on both ballots, although state officials probably would be called upon to settle this question.

Eisenhower's backers have expressed confidence that the general can sweep the primary. If he should win on both tickets, Republican supporters feel that they then could obtain from him a statement that he prefers their party and that he would be willing to seek the nomination.

As politicians generally see the situation, the Republicans who want the general to be their nominee have got him interested to the point where he isn't going to interfere in their operations.

But they apparently have not yet convinced Eisenhower there is the

popular demand for him that they contend exists—a demand of such proportions that he might feel justified in giving up his NATO command and seeking the presidency.

Any tangible evidence of that demand shown by results of the New Hampshire primary would go a long way toward putting Eisenhower publicly in the race, his supporters believe.

Whether he gets into the contest or not, backers of Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, an avowed presidential aspirant, indicated they would fight a proposal to increase New York's strength in next July's nominating convention by four votes.

CUTBACK New York is losing two congressional seats and has been cut back to 96 convention votes in tentative allocations which call for a 1200 vote total at the convention.

William L. Pfeiffer, Republican state chairman, wants the national committee to boost New York's total to 100 votes because he says the state will not lose its congressional seats until 1953.

His appeal will go before a con-

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PORTLAND, (AP)—A California man was fined \$1 and placed on probation for five years after he pleaded guilty to shooting a man.

The sentence was handed down Friday by Judge James R. Bain to Jesse Jackson Brown, 59, Samoa, Calif. Brown pleaded guilty. He said he shot James E. McCoy, a Portland Negro, when he found McCoy in his car. He and McCoy had been drinking beer earlier, Brown testified.

Between 8000 and 10,000 completed license plates were destroyed along with machinery and equipment.

Warden Joe Tondre sent 600 prisoners in to help firemen and guards yesterday to put out a \$250,000 fire at the New Mexico state prison.

Two shops engaged in making 1952 license plates were destroyed. The fire started when fumes from cleaning fluid being used to clean floors ignited.

Convicts ran in and out of burning buildings salvaging supplies. Tondre said some prisoners being punished for minor infractions were returned to normal prison routine for their part in helping firefighters.

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TUESDAY NIGHT AT the auditorium of the Latter Day Saints church the play "The Lucky Penny" is to be presented by the Children's Theater. Pictures are (front, left to right) Janet Smith, 12; Peggy Brown 14, and Kay Jensen, 14; (top, left to right) Elaine Fry, 14; Mrs. Jessie Lee Hosford, director, and Sonya Baxter, 13. The girls have parts in the play. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m.

Explorers Reach Orinoco Headwaters At Long Last

NEW YORK, (AP)—A cable message reading "greetings from the headwaters of the Orinoco river" signals the first penetration by explorers into the interior of the southern Venezuelan jungles.

Ever since Sir Walter Raleigh first tried in the 16th century, explorers have been stopped from reaching the Orinoco headwaters by mountainous gorges and insect-infested terrain.

The conquest of the 1600 mile-long Orinoco was announced here last night by Charles B. Hitchcock, explorer and Venezuela expert for the American geographical society.

Hitchcock said the eight-word message was sent to the society yesterday by Dr. Jose M. Cruzent, director of the museum of natural science at Caracas and ethnologist on the expedition.

The message indicates, Hitchcock said, that the expedition had required five weeks to travel from the outermost settlement on the Orinoco up the river and across 70 miles of hitherto impassable terrain.

Cruzent and his party, including three young French scientists, started out from Caracas early last summer. They were temporarily stopped by disease and supply problems after reaching the last outpost on the river, Esmeraldas, a Catholic mission station.

Hitchcock received an SOS about six weeks ago asking for detailed maps available only here. The maps were flown to Caracas and then put on a special plane which dropped them, along with food, over Esmeraldas.

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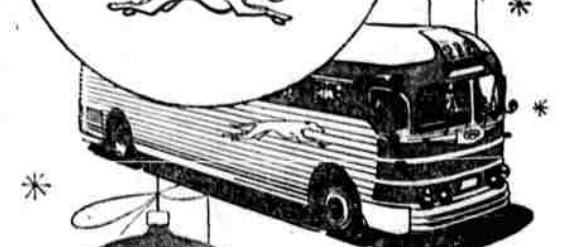
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