



GEN. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Big political news — maybe big STATESMANSHIP news: General Eisenhower, in Paris, identifies himself flatly as a Republican.

He "makes it clear" (using the language of the dispatches) that he will accept the Republican nomination for President if it is offered to him.

He won't actively seek the nomination, and will take no part in pre-convention activities of those seeking it for him.

He will not ask to be relieved of his present assignment as leader of the European defense forces.

So General Ike is a candidate. That clears the political air of a lot of confusion.

But — So far as I am concerned — He will have to go farther before I can enlist with a free mind and a whole heart under his banner.

But I can't accept a pig in a poke — even so promising a pig as General Eisenhower. It isn't enough to know that he is a Republican. I want to know WHAT KIND OF REPUBLICAN he is.

In recent years we've had all kinds of Republicans. Some of them have been willing to VOTE IN CONGRESS for any kind of bond-selling appropriation that in their opinion would get them votes in their districts.

I'm not for that kind of Republican. Some of them have run as Republicans for no better reason, apparently, than their purely political conviction that in their districts (or their states) they couldn't be elected as Democrats.

I'm not for that kind of Republican — which is to say, I'm not for a get-elected school of Republicanism.

I want a MAN. So far as I am concerned as one citizen of the republic — General Eisenhower will have to go farther than the mere statement that he is a Republican.

He will have to tell me WHAT HE BELIEVES, with the understanding that he will do it in this country in a timely manner as it has been since the Founding Fathers.

I HOPE he does just that. I won't take him long. All I want is a sincere, forthright statement of his convictions. At this moment in our history, I don't want a pussy-footer as a candidate for President.

I don't think General Eisenhower is a pussy-footer, but unless he speaks out a little more fully than he did in Paris this morning I will have to change my mind on that point.

As these words are written, the potato as a crop has suffered a great misfortune. It has become a political football.

Not only that, it has just been made the football for ideological, socialistic politics.

Read this statement from the official OPS "release" establishing EXPLAINING potato price controls.

"The following Western state base prices for white potatoes become effective January 19: Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada and Wyoming (price per 100 lbs., U.S. No. 1 grade) \$3.65.

"IDAHO, \$3.65. "Idaho price ceilings are the highest in the country. The regulation gives SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO UNUSUAL CROP CONDITIONS WHICH REDUCED THE YIELD OF HIGHER GRADE POTATOES IN THE STATE OF IDAHO."

Not HIGHER QUALITY OF Idaho potatoes. Just the statement that in the opinion of the bureaucrats making the ruling there were "unusual crop conditions which reduced the yield of higher grade potatoes in the state of Idaho."

High Court Hands Loss To Bridges

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court Monday unanimously upheld a \$500,000 Taft-Hartley Act damage award against Harry Bridges' International Longshoremen's Union.

The judgment won by the Juneau Alaska Spruce Corp. was the largest to date and the first to reach the high court.

It grew out of a suit charging that Bridges' union damaged the company's business by setting up picket lines and making "coercive" statements during a jurisdictional fight between rival labor organizations more than two years ago.

The firm had a contract with the CIO Woodworkers of America but the longshoremen tried to force the company to give bare loading work to the Bridges men.

Bridges' union has been expelled from the CIO on the grounds that its leadership followed the Communist party line.

Bridges himself is free on bail after his conviction on charges that he lied in denying membership in the Communist party when he obtained American citizenship.

The Australian-born labor leader has appealed the conviction, but it has not yet reached the supreme court.

In the Juneau case, Bridges' union appealed on the grounds that the Federal District Court in Alaska should not have accepted the corporation's damage suit until the National Labor Relations Board decided the jurisdictional dispute.

Rejecting this argument, Justice Douglas, who wrote the high tribunal's decision, said there is nothing in the Taft-Hartley Law to support such a claim.

Cabinet Of France Falls

PARIS (AP) — Premier Rene Pleven's five month old Cabinet collapsed Monday night.

The French National Assembly voted the Coalition government after hearing a final plea from Pleven for a freer hand to deal with the economic situation in this hard-pinned country.

The decision came on his demand for power to cut the 140 billion franc 400 million dollar deficit of the nationalized railway system.

The Socialists, which have supported the Cabinet on most issues, broke away on this one.

Many of the railway workers are Socialists and the party leadership fears economies on the roads would result in large scale firings.

Seven Perish In Big Fire

WESTFIELD, Mass. (AP) — At least seven persons perished in a \$1,000,000 live-story apartment business block fire Sunday night.

Firemen still poured water into the smoldering ruins more than 12 hours after the blaze, punctuated by three distinct explosions.

Only a shell-four shabby walls—remained after the entire live floors collapsed into the basement of the building in a tangled mass wreckage.

Local Snipps Cut 30 Percent

Shippers On Prod Over OPS Orders

By MAC EPLEY JR. The Office of Price Stabilization's setting of potato price ceilings has slashed prices on Klamath premium quality russets more than 30 per cent.

That is perhaps one of the most drastic rollbacks on potato prices anywhere in the country: it means an estimated loss of \$2,000,000 to the Klamath Basin farm income.

Local growers, smarting under the loss of \$1.55 per hundred pounds, don't like the cutback one bit. Potatoes have been selling at 55 per hundredweight with sacks furnished by shippers, according to County Agent Walt Jendrzewski.

Under the OPS order, the price will be cut back to \$3.75 for the same grade potatoes when the ceilings go into effect Jan. 19.

However, potato sales are expected to drop off to almost nothing here between now and the effective date of the lower ceilings.

Meanwhile, Idaho potatoes, which usually are 20 cents lower in premium than Klamath spuds, have been tagged with a 20-cent higher ceiling than locally grown tubers.

The OPS explains: "Idaho price ceilings are the highest in the country. The regulation gives special consideration to unusual crop conditions which reduced the yield of higher grade potatoes in the state of Idaho."

Klamath farmers have lashed at the "false economy" superiority posed over what they consider the natural fluctuation of farm prices under a fair competitive system.

"One local farm spokesman said, "The farmers really felt clipped by the 31 per cent rollback."

They had been expecting a rollback perhaps to the \$4 mark at most.

DOUBLECROSS Klamath shipper George C. Burger said, "The OPS has double-crossed everyone. He said shippers would declare a holiday 'until this mess is straightened out.'"

Klamath Potato Growers Association Pres. Randall Pope, Merrill, said the OPS had set the ceilings low even against the advice of its own potato advisory committee, and over the protests of the entire potato industry.

The OPS rollback was designed to bring potato prices back to parity with other crops, but it has not yet reached the supreme court.

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Some potatoes, he says, must sell well above the parity price in order that growers can receive an average for their sales of spuds which would hit close to the parity mark.

At present, about half of this season's crop of 10,500 carloads of potatoes have been sold, according to figures released by the county agent's office.

Chairman Ben Davidson, Redmond, of the Oregon Potato Commission branded the price control regulations as "discriminatory" and said grower shippers must get paid for their products after he had purchased sacks and paid shipping costs.

The OPS ceiling sets dollar and cents ceiling prices on white potatoes for the country shipping with base prices for each producing area. The order limits intermediate-handlers—jobbers and wholesalers—to a maximum distributive margin of 60 cents per hundred pounds.

Jack Degnan, Merrill, wondered how shippers, wholesalers and jobbers could operate on a 60-cent margin.

Said County Agent Walt Jendrzewski: "The present ceilings condemn the potato industry to returns which will average much less than parity."

Whitney Tharin, secretary of the National Potato Council, told Spuds Commission Chairman Ben Davidson the following price ceilings had been quoted him by the OPS:

U.S. No. 1 1 1/2 inch minimum packs, \$3.65 per hundred. U.S. No. 2, size B, \$2.65 per hundred.

U.S. No. 1, two-inch minimum, \$3.75 per hundred. Six ounce—\$3.90; eight ounce—\$4.05; 10 ounce—\$4.15.

All prices are apparently f.o.b. cars.

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Tule Land May Open To Homesteads

An Associated Press dispatch out of San Francisco today credited the Bureau of Reclamation with saying another section of Tule Lake Basin land in Modoc County "will be opened for homesteading soon."

Although the San Francisco course locates the land only as being in Modoc County "near the Oregon line," Stephens says they are undoubtedly talking about a 4,500 acre plot in the League of Nations and Frog Pond tracts of the Tule sump. The 4,500 acres would offer 60 homesteads of 75 acres each.

Stephens says the local office thinks it will be at least two years before proper flood controls will allow homesteading of the 4,500 acres.

The Klamath Project manager appeared surprised at San Francisco use of the word "soon" in the referring to opening of the homestead area.

Another plot in the same area is marked for homesteading about 1956. That is the 2,400 acre tract developed and farmed by Tulana Farms since 1945.

Tulana's lease on the tract expired Dec. 31 and the firm sought another two-year lease. This has been the center of a heated controversy for several weeks.

Granting of another lease to Tulana has been strongly opposed by several ranchers. The "broken" opposition wants the land brought up into small lease plots.

U.S. Interior Secy. Oscar Chapman has ordered another two-year lease for Tulana and Tulana signed such a lease several weeks ago.

However, at last reports, the lease was still unsigned by the government in Washington and briefs were being filed for and against such signing.

Meanwhile, Tulana is going ahead with preparing the ground for next season's crop.

Unsinkable Captain Half Way To Safety With Ship

LONDON (AP) — Unsinkable Capt. Zari Carlsson and the Flying Enterprise were halfway to haven Monday.

At 8 a.m. the tug Turmoil and miles from the Cornish port of Falmouth. The tug hoped to make port sometime Wednesday.

Carlson's heroic stand with his near-sinking vessel—which he refused to leave—had started some 300 miles west of the English coast, where the Flying Enterprise almost capsized in the worst Atlantic storm in 50 years.

The U.S. destroyer Willard Keith, escorting the tug and her charge, reported the little convoy's 8 a.m. position and said "condition of Enterprise unchanged." The message said the sea was moderate with westerly swells.

Heavier weather earlier had forced the tug to take a zig-zag course to ease the strain on the tow.



CAPT. HENRIK CARLSEN

Red Christmas Celebrated

MOSCOW (AP) — Christmas was celebrated in simple village churches and great cathedrals throughout Russia Monday, 13 days after Western observances of Christ's birth. The time lag was due to differences between the old Julian Calendar used here and the Gregorian Calendar of the West.

A deep-throated bell tolled at midnight, Moscow believers went to the Yelokhovskaya Sobor, cathedral of the Russian Orthodox Church about a 15 minute drive from the heart of the capital.

White-bearded Alexei, Patriarch of Moscow, presided at services in the state white building. With him was his guest of honor, German Evangelical Pastor Martin Niemoller.

Many of the hundreds of thousands of churches that operated before the Russian revolution are closed now, but those still open number into the thousands.

Liquor Board Member Named

SALEM (AP) — J. H. Sroufe is the new member of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

He was appointed by Governor McKay Saturday to succeed William A. Bingham, recently named administrator for the commission.

Both Sroufe and Bingham live in Portland.

Sroufe is president of the Portland Planning Commission and a member of the Jaffet-Sroufe Co. He formerly was manager of the Portland Grand Central Market.

U.N. Claims No Peace Wanted

By The Associated Press MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — The United Nations chief truce negotiator said Monday there are growing indications that the Communists do not want a stable armistice in Korea.

The report from Panmunjom was the now familiar "no progress."

If the Communists "are acting in good faith and sincerely want peace, there can be no reason for them to construct military airfields during the period of an armistice," said Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy. He flew to Tokyo for conference with Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, supreme allied commander.

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Atom Plan Inspection Suggested

NEW YORK (AP) — Outside inspectors could determine in 24 hours whether the motives behind Russia's atomic plants are good or evil, says Gordon Dean, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Appearing as "Man of the Week" Sunday on a Columbia Broadcasting System television show, Dean told Lt. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer and Rear Admiral Lewis L. Strauss that the size of atomic facilities would make them difficult to conceal from international inspectors.

Wedemeyer asked if an enemy could smuggle A-bombs into the United States, hide them at strategic spots and then deliver an ultimatum.

Dean replied that it's up to intelligence work to determine whether an enemy is likely to attempt such a thing and can carry it out.

Kefauver To Enter In Ohio

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Hays D-Ohio announced Monday a complete slate of delegates will be entered in the Ohio Democratic primaries for Sen. Estes Kefauver D-Tenn. for the Presidential nomination.

Hays made his announcement at a news conference.

Ohio law requires that a candidate for a party primary nomination enter his consent in writing before delegates may be placed upon the party ballot.

Asked if he had such a written approval from Sen. Kefauver, Hays replied:

"I don't have it at the moment. But I have been in politics for 20 years and you'll just have to assume I know what I'm doing."

The announcement was the first open move to get the ball rolling for the Tennessee senator, who achieved nation-wide prominence during hearings of the Senate Crime Investigating Committee. Kefauver was chairman of the committee.

Gen. Okays 'Draft' By Republicans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed himself a Republican Monday and made it clear he would accept that party's presidential nomination if it is offered. But he said he won't actively seek it.

In a Paris statement, the 61-year-old general swept away much of the fog of uncertainty that has swirled for the past five years about his place in the picture of presidential possibilities.

His statement was prompted by the week-end move from Sen. Lodge (Mass.) who announced that Eisenhower's name would be entered in the March 11 New Hampshire presidential primary, and that there would be a "finish fight" to win the GOP nomination for the general.

Eisenhower, who has been talked as both a Democratic and a Republican presidential possibility, made these main points in his statement:

He said Lodge was correct in calling him a Republican.

He has no intention of asking that he be relieved of his present assignment as leader of the European defense forces.

He will not take part in pre-convention activities of those seeking the nomination for him.

He recognizes the right of others to engage in an attempt "to place before me next July when the Republican Convention meets a duty that would transcend my present responsibility."

Eisenhower's statement tremendously cheered Republicans who have been working for his nomination and have felt themselves handicapped by the general's long silence.

Some of them were getting restive under the feeling that uncertainty as to Eisenhower's position was letting Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, first to announce as a candidate in the construction of military airfields becomes and is a matter of great urgency to them," Joy added.

The Reds reiterated their insistence on the right to construct and repair airfields during a brief Monday meeting of the subcommittee on truce supervision.

The session ended abruptly after Chinese Maj. Gen. Hsieh Fank accused the allies of "intentionally delaying the negotiations" and trying to wreck the truce talks by insisting on prohibiting construction of military air bases.

An official U. N. spokesman, Brig. Gen. William P. Nuekels, said Communist negotiators at Panmunjom appeared disinterested and lackadaisical, as though they were waiting for new instructions.

Communist delegates again rejected a six-point allied plan for exchanging prisoners of war and civilians.

One New Hampshire group had planned to enter Ike's name in the Democratic primary.

At the White House, aides said President Truman had no comment on the general's statement.

Eisenhower already has the support of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, the 1948 Republican standard bearer. The general also has the editorial support of several newspapers—among them the New York Times, the New York Herald Tribune, the Chicago Sun-Times and the Providence R. I. Journal.

Eisenhower's statement was read to reporters at the Supreme Allied Headquarters by Brig. Gen. Charles T. Lanham, chief of SHAPE's public information division. Lanham said Eisenhower does not intend to say anything further.

He added that Gen. Eisenhower "hopes that this statement will demonstrate his concern, as an American citizen, in problems that the American people must solve. He hopes also that it will convince our citizens and those of the other NATO countries that he views with the utmost seriousness the responsibilities of the post to which he is presently assigned.

Murder Count Appeal Set

PORTLAND (AP) — The first defense murder conviction of Morris Leland will be appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court the week of Jan. 28.

Leland was accused of holding teen-ager Thelma Taylor in the St. John District overnight and then slaying her. He was convicted in November, 1949, after pleading not guilty by reason of insanity.

His court-appointed attorney said he would appeal the constitutionality of Oregon's insanity plea law. The attorney, Thomas H. Ryan, said that Oregon law requires that a person, pleading insanity, prove he does not know the difference between right and wrong.



'EVEN AS YOU AND I' the trio above takes a morning coffee break. Indulging in the grand old custom this morning at The Derby, 816 Main, were (l to r): Frank Steele, city street superintendent; State Police Patrolman W. T. Christiansen; and State Police Sgt. Earl Tichenor.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity—Intermittent snow showers Monday, clearing Tuesday. High Tuesday 29. Low tonight 12.

High yesterday 27. Low last night 10. Precip last 24 hours 0.3. Precip since Oct. 1 5.38. Same period last year 5.39. Normal for period 5.08.

Allied Jets Blast Migs From Air As Battle Grows

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — Flashing U.S. jet planes destroyed seven Russian-built Mig-15 jets and damaged 12 in two days of renewed furious air fighting high over Northwest Korea.

U. S. Sabres shot down two Migs and damaged two on Monday. The day before, U. S. planes blasted five of the Red Jets to earth and scored hits on 10.

U. S. losses, if any, were not reported. Under a new policy the U. S. air Force will announce any losses only once a week.

Allied ground forces on the Western front fought fiercely in sub-freezing weather toward a prize outpost lost to the Reds Dec. 28. United Nations infantrymen made slight gains against stubborn Chinese resistance early Monday after hurling back two Red thrusts Sunday. The outpost is west of Korangpo and only about six miles from Panmunjom—site of the deadlocked armistice talks.