



ALTURAS FLOOD—This year's spring has plagued the Modoc County seat with high water. Above is shown some of the flooded homes. —Hildenbrandt Photo.

Many Congressmen Hurry Home to Tell of Slashes

WASHINGTON (AP)—Many House members headed home Thursday for a 12-day Easter recess, eager to tell constituents how they cut more than six billion dollars from President Truman's appropriation requests.

Immediately after slashing \$4,713,845,218 from the \$50,000,000,000 military bill and cutting defense spending next year by a total of \$2 billion, the House late Wednesday voted to take an Easter holiday.

The cut imposed in the Defense Department's money bill for the fiscal year starting next July 1 was by far the biggest of the year.

Shotgun Wound Cures Disorder

ST ALBANS, England (AP)—A shotgun blast that wounded an accused burglar really did him a good turn: it cured his thyroid gland disorder, his attorney told a court.

The defendant, 34-year-old Frederick Thompson, needed an operation on his thyroid, but then he was shot in the back of the neck by a householder who caught him climbing through a window.

By some curious paradox, the shooting seems to have done something to the man's thyroid, his attorney said Wednesday. He brought along a medical report to show Thompson had been suddenly cured.

Presiding Judge J. Neville Gray was impressed by the shotgun cure. But he said he had another cure for the man's window-climbing tendencies: four years imprisonment.

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Ike Supporters Are Confident

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr. SALEM (AP)—Supporters of Gen. Eisenhower are so confident that he'll win Oregon's May 16 Republican presidential primary that they aren't even asking him to campaign in Oregon.

Military Air Deaths High

WASHINGTON (AP)—A series of military air accidents this month is claiming many more lives than are being lost among U.S. troops in Korea.

The Air Force acknowledged Thursday that non-combat flying currently is killing more air personnel than the war itself.

More than 50 persons have been killed or are missing already this month in domestic military plane crashes.

This total does not include the 10 or more killed in parachute mishaps or plane collisions in exercises. Longhorn, the military maneuver in Texas.

The Air Force said its casualties in Korea, since the start of the war in June, 1950, total 1,111. This includes 295 deaths in action or resulting from combat, an average of about 18 a month.

For security reasons, the Air Force says, it does not say exact fatalities in non-combat aircraft accidents overseas.

TROOPS HOME

SEATTLE (AP)—The Navy arranged from the Far East Thursday with 1,421 passengers, including 1,296 rotation troops.

who have not publicly announced their choice for president, have advised him that they are for Eisenhower.

Some money will be raised on the state level to finance the Oregon tour of nationally known speakers, such as Paul Hoffman, former head of the Ford Foundation; Gov. Duff of Pennsylvania; and Oregon's Sen. Wayne L. Morse.

Hatfield said that Morse, whose name was entered on the presidential ballot against his wishes by the supporters of Gen. MacArthur, will present a unique spectacle. He'll make speeches for Eisenhower, and at the same time, ask the voters to vote against Morse.

Harold Stassen and Gov. Earl Warren of California plan Oregon campaigns. The sixth candidate on the Republican ballot is William R. Schneider, an unknown St. Louis lawyer.

So far, it looks like Eisenhower, with the strong backing of Gov. McKay's administration, is the favorite. But Gen. MacArthur's supporters hope their man can win by splitting the so-called liberal vote among Eisenhower, Stassen, Morse and Warren.

There is talk that Democratic friends of Eisenhower will write his name, Sen. Taft, while not a candidate in Oregon, might get quite a few Republican write-in votes, too.

The decision by President Truman against running again gives added importance to the Democratic race in Oregon between Sen. Kefauver and Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois. The third candidate, Justice William O. Douglas, doesn't count much because he bought space in the Voters Pamphlet asking people to vote against him.

Oregon's vote in the Democratic primary might have great influence at the Democratic convention, as it is the clearest test of

popular support between Kefauver and Stevenson.

Stevenson has strong support in Oregon from Truman Democrats, while Kefauver's strength comes mainly from the more conservative variety of Democrats.

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