

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS Over the weekend, there was a lot of political chatter to the effect that when General Eisenhower gets back to this country (when ever that may be) he is to be subjected to a barrage of questioning by the Taft forces.

The drift of the questions, the chatter of the week, the "Just what would you do about THIS?" "Just what would you do about THAT?"

Exactly what do you BELIEVE about this? Exactly what do you BELIEVE about that?

And so on. The purpose of the heckling (for that is what it would amount to) would be to involve the general in the nasty political mess that has dragged our country down to its present low level of political morality.

About the only vestige of unity that is left in the fact that ALL of these factions fly in one form or another this cynical motto:

"WE WANT OURS, AND TO HECK WITH EVERYBODY ELSE!"

If you could call that unity, we have it. I don't know just what it is that animates those of us who are FOR General Eisenhower is this perhaps strangest of all movements since the search for the Holy Grail.

I know only that we are fired by an ideal. I THINK this is the hope that binds us together: In these years when our nation has been decaying politically, General Eisenhower has been removed from the daily sewage, laden political currents that have been carrying us away from what we once were toward what we are now.

That hope, I think, is the cement that holds the Eisenhower movement together. That is the only way I can explain it satisfactorily to myself.

After that somewhat idealistic detour, let's get back to what started this piece off—the recent chatter about the supposed plan on the part of Senator Taft's supporters to heckle Eisenhower when he gets home.

I hope it doesn't materialize. I have always felt that Senator Taft is a man TOO BIG for nasty little ward-heeling tactics such as that. If such a project were carried out, it would have to be with his consent.

If he gave his consent to such a scheme, it would disillusion me about him. But if it were to end and tear the Republican party.

If such a thing should develop, I would hope that General Eisenhower would ignore it. I wouldn't want to see him get involved in a barroom brawl of that sort. But if the provocation became too great for him flesh to say something like this:

"Dear Senator Taft: You have been asking questions of me. Perhaps I might say this to you: While I have been away on our country's military and diplomatic business, you have been at home looking after our country's political and economic business, including the business of price and wage stabilization that has brought us to the impasse of government seizure of the steel industry."

THE SENATOR: YOU'D DONE AS A SENATOR? You've led no movements in the congress in these recent critical weeks to settle it wisely and permanently. Instead you have been away campaigning.

"How are the people to know from your acts and utterances in this crisis how you would ACT AS PRESIDENT in a similar crisis?"

Congressional Candidates On Forum Tonight



GILES FRENCH



JOHN G. JONES



BEN MUSA

Three of the five Eastern Oregonians who want to be Congressman for this district, are scheduled to make a microphone appearance tonight.

The occasion will be the weekly Herald and News-KFLW radio forum, "Build the Basin," starting at 8:30 over KFLW.

Although the program primarily has been used to air questions and problems of particular local interest in the past three months—matters such as industrial development, extension of the city limits, law enforcement, juvenile delinquency and the like—tonight's forum is to go into a broader scope.

Invitations All five of the candidates for 2nd District Congressman were invited to participate, to give their views of the work they will be expected to do if they are sent to Washington to represent Eastern Oregon.

Three accepted: Giles French, Moro newspaper publisher and veteran legislator; Ben Musa of The Dalles, who also is a state legislator; and John G. Jones of La Grande, a radio station manager.

A fourth candidate, Sam Coon of Baker, informed the Herald and News he probably would not be able to break a prior commitment to attend, and the fifth, Lt. Ernest Hinkle of The Dalles, is still in the Air Force, stationed in New York.

The three on the program will be expected to state their views on a variety of subjects dealing not only with Eastern Oregon but the state and nation. Moderator Bud Chandler, manager of KFLW, will conduct the program and listeners are invited to suggest questions to be put to the three Congressional candidates, by phoning 811 during the progress of the program.

Youth Suffers Serious Hurts

Two persons were reported injured in car accidents in the Klamath Basin over the weekend.

Most seriously hurt and still in Klamath Valley Hospital is Dallas Hargraves 18 Tulelake. Extent of his injuries was not revealed by hospital authorities. He is reported in fair condition.

With two other youths, Donald B. Bush, 18, Malin and Edward Hargraves 18 Tulelake, Hargraves was returning from Alturas about midnight Saturday.

California State Patrolman Lou Wright, Alturas, said the car, driven by Donald Bush, went out of control four miles south of Stronghold on California Highway 139 and overturned.

Hargraves was reportedly thrown under the car.

CYCLE WRECK One cyclist in Klamath Valley Hospital Saturday for shoulder and head hurts was Carl Engblom 26, Midland.

He was injured late Saturday afternoon on the road leading to Weyerhaeuser Timber mill when his motorcycle overturned. He was released from the hospital Sunday.

State police reported no injuries from a two-car crash early Saturday afternoon at the intersection of Washburn Way and LaVerne St. A 1941 Plymouth coupe, operated by Martin J. Muller, Seattle, Wash., overturned when hit on the left side by another vehicle driven by Harold J. Kelly, 1313 Ninth St. Police said Muller was turning left onto Washburn when the accident occurred.

Hot Primary In New Jersey

By PETER MACDONALD NEWARK, N. J. (AP) — New Jersey, a state which takes politics seriously every day of every year, Monday headed into its most hectic—and confused—primary election in decades.

Topmost attraction is a Taft-Eisenhower-Stassen battle in the state's first presidential preference ballot since 1940. Along with this is a mixed up race for delegates to the Republican National Convention.

Some 750,000 to 1,000,000 voters tomorrow will ballot in the presidential preference poll, select delegates to the major party national conventions, and choose congressional nominees.

QUIET The Democratic side of the picture is relatively quiet. Senator Kefauver is the only candidate in the presidential popularity poll.

There are but three contests for 36 delegate posts. One of these is a local affair. In the others, independent Kefauver supporters oppose the organization which is bidding its time before determining its favorite. The delegation will have 25 votes in the national convention.

In Republican ranks, the story is different. General Eisenhower, Senator Taft and Harold E. Stassen are entered in the presidential poll while Kefauver, not binding, is not considered a serious contender. Taft loudly is not a candidate.

TOO LATE Taft tried to withdraw from the race after Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll came out for Eisenhower but the Ohio Senator made his decision too late to remove his name from the ballot.

Taft closed his headquarters, cancelled a speaking tour and said as far as he was concerned he was out of the New Jersey contest. He said Driscoll's endorsement of Eisenhower made a fair primary impossible.

The Eisenhower forces countered that Taft's action was a sham. They said no matter what vote he receives, he can claim a "moral victory." Taft followers said this wasn't so. Some predicted he will get only a fraction of the vote.

Other supporters, however, disagree and look for a sizable turnout. An Associated Press poll of the state's newspapers forecast Eisenhower will win the election but Taft will get a good vote.

UNDERGROUND Supporters of Eisenhower said the Taft campaign went underground after he announced his withdrawal and even stepped up its activity. They claim Taft strategists were spending \$250,000 as compared to less than \$75,000 the Eisenhower camp was spending.

Not so, came back the Taft forces, adding that this was all talk to get out a big vote for Eisenhower.

74,000 Flee Monstrous Flood; Crest Mounting

Herald and News

RAIL FREIGHT RATES UPPED

West Taxed To Tune Of 9 Per Cent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interstate Commerce Commission Monday gave the railroads a further freight rate increase, estimated to hike charges by about 678 million dollars a year. The rise is nine per cent in the south and west and six per cent in the east.

The order boosts rates 15 per cent above what they were at this time last year.

The railroads applied last year for a 15 per cent increase. The ICC last August ruled that instead of a straight 15 per cent hike, the charges should be raised nine per cent in the east and six per cent in the south and west.

Monday's order, issued after reconsideration allows the full 15 per cent across the country.

This means the rates will now be raised nine per cent in the south and west and six per cent in the east.

This is the 12th general freight rate increase allowed since the end of World War II.

GRAINS The increases may be put into effect upon 15 days' notice to the public, except for grains and grain products, on which a 30-day rate revision notice will be required.

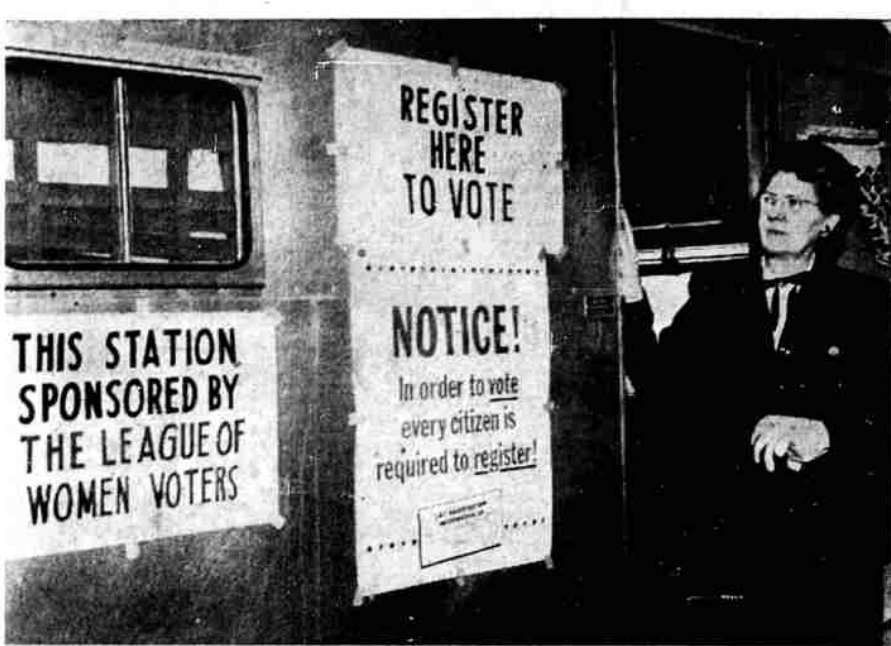
The ICC said domestic water carriers may apply to their charges the same revisions authorized for the railroads.

As in the case of the rate increases granted last August, the ICC termed the new revisions "surcharges" which will automatically expire February 28, 1954, unless continued on a permanent basis through further action by the commission.

The new rate increases were granted in response to a plea by the railroads their revenues had failed to keep pace with a continuing upswing in wage and material costs.

The Office of Price Stabilization, during the hearings, took the position that any new general increase would bring fresh pressure against the inflationary spiral.

Other government departments, principally the Agriculture Department, strenuously opposed any further rise in rates at this time. Technically, Monday's order wipes out the six to nine per cent increases granted last August and authorizes 15 per cent increase instead.



REGISTER NOW to vote in the primary election May 16. Deadline for registration is tomorrow. The League of Women Voters has this trailer registration booth at the corner of Main and 8th Sts. for the convenience of those not yet registered. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and anyone, regardless of precinct, can register here unless there is a change of precinct, change of name or previous registration involved. Mrs. John Yaden, at the door, is co-chairman with Mrs. Mrs. Fred Karlson of the Voters' Service Committee of the League.

M'Arthur Says Not Candidate

NEW YORK (AP) — Gen. MacArthur insists he is not a "candidate for any public office" and says voters in the May 16 Oregon primary should "avoid wasting their votes on me."

An aide to the general made public Sunday night a letter from MacArthur to Miss Grace Link, chairman of the Young Republican Club at Reed College in Portland, Ore.

The letter reiterated previous statements by the former Far East commander that he was not a candidate.

Despite these statements, MacArthur has continued to be mentioned as a possible choice for the Republican nomination for president.

He is one of five persons whose names are on the Oregon primary ballot.

It was entered without his permission, and he has asked that it be withdrawn. But the Oregon State attorney general said it must remain on the ballot.

Miss Link had invited MacArthur to speak at the college if he intended to campaign actively in Oregon.

Hat Secrets

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (AP) — Ever wonder how the brim of a cowboy's hat got that way? Inquiry among 6,700 cattlemen here for an annual convention shows: Bob Shores processed his hat in steam from his wife's pressure cooker.

Hunter Greer "just left his hat out in the rain until it curled." "Nonsense," retorted J. Heilmann, "just sprinkle water on it and tie it with a string."

Freak Mishap Kills Angler

A 68-year-old Ashland man was killed instantly Saturday afternoon when he walked into the side of a northbound Great Northern freight on the tracks near Barkley Springs.

He was identified by State Police as Hilbart Alexander Anderson, retired.

According to the Great Northern investigation of the tragedy, the man walked into the side of the diesel engine unit, and was struck by a grab bar.

Witnesses said Anderson stood at the side of the track, apparently dazed as the train approached.

Anderson and his son-in-law, Milton M. Boat, also of Ashland, had come here early Saturday morning to fish in Upper Klamath Lake.

Just prior to the accident several persons saw the man standing on the bank near the highway.

J. K. Calder 2501 Vine St., engineer of the train, said he did not see Anderson until too late to stop the train before the point of impact.

Conductor of the train was R. E. Brown, 3901 Bristol Ave. The body was taken to Ward's Funeral Home.

Freeboard or safety margin adds three to five feet to the levee height, however, and Monday's battle consisted of a continued all-out effort to add two feet to the levee height, while maintaining constant vigil for breaks and giving immediate attention to the sand-balls which the tremendous pressure was creating, especially on the Iowa side.

Cities Gird As Midwest Rivers Rage

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The flood furious Missouri river threw its record-breaking flood crest at the Sioux City, Ia., area Monday while forecasters heaped new discouragement on the downstream Omaha-Council Bluffs, Ia., area by raising the predicted flood crest another foot and a half.

The new schedule calls for the arrival early Thursday of a monstrous 31.5 foot crest at Omaha, compared with flood stage of 19 feet.

With other rivers rampaging, too, the Red Cross reported 19,349 families in eight or nine midwest states are homeless or about to be displaced by floods.

This was estimated to represent about 74,000 persons.

ACREAGE Army Engineers estimated a total of 1,249,000 acres of land are under water along the Missouri and its tributaries from North Dakota to Southern Nebraska.

For Sioux City, with 84,000 persons, and neighboring South Sioux City, Neb., with 5,500, the crest's arrival was only insidiously early.

Surrender had come days earlier and inundation had been a creeping, progressive thing.

Downstream, town after town was either prostrate or abandoned.

But Omaha and Council Bluffs, whose combined metropolitan area takes in 366,000 persons, were fighting it out—prepared for the worst but determined to forestall it.

This was the picture in the twin cities: About two-thirds of Council Bluffs' 45,000 persons had fled or were pulling out of their homes.

Across the river, in the East Omaha and Carter Lake, Ia., areas, homes of perhaps 5,000 more were similarly deserted.

These were ghost areas, patrolled only by soldiers, police and civil guards. Not even the persons who live there were permitted to enter much of the area.

Experienced relief workers called the exodus one of the biggest disaster movements in memory.

The river, meanwhile, was at record high levels and steadily climbing toward the 30 foot crest expected Wednesday, mark of 24.5 feet established in 1881 was passed Sunday.

Early Monday the reading was 25.4, compared with flood stage of 19.

At 26.5, the river will be at the level which levees and flood walls along the two cities were designed to handle.

Weather

FORECAST: Klamath Falls and vicinity, fair Monday night, partly cloudy Tuesday. High both days 59, low tonight 29. Northern California, mostly fair tonight, cloudy Tuesday. Snow flurries over Sierras.

Accidents Kill 2 Oregonians

By The Associated Press Week end traffic accidents in Oregon claimed the lives of two.

John Dethman, 22-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Dethman, was fatally injured Saturday when struck by his mother's car as she backed out of a driveway at their Corvallis home.

The boy's father was a halfback on the Oregon State College football team in the 1942 Rose Bowl game.



THE WINNAHI Little Terry Robinson (above) clutches the giant panda bear he won yesterday as first prize in the 20-30 Club's big Easter Egg hunt at Moore Park. Hundreds of youngsters sought 6,000 eggs hidden in the park. The above winner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Robinson, 2680 Radcliffe St. With Terry is Bob Clammer, 2141 White St., one of the 20-30 Clubbers.

Enemy Supply Base Bombed

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — U. S. Jet fighter-bombers Monday smashed a huge Red supply point near the western coast of North Korea.

One pilot, Capt. Charles E. Brown, Birmingham, Ala., said: "I'll bet we destroyed a division's worth of supplies."

The U. S. Fifth Air Force reported 22 buildings destroyed and 11 damaged in the attack west of Haeju. The road and rail hub is four miles north of the 38th parallel near the base of the Ongjin Peninsula.

North fighter-bombers attacked the Communist rail system in North Korea from dawn Monday until carry afternoon when bad weather closed in.

U. S. Sabre jets patrolled ahead of the fighter-bombers but encountered no Communist jet fighters.



9 O'clock Special

BUSY ON THE TELEPHONE when the photographer popped in this morning was Bill Wentworth, office manager at Juckland's. He lives at 1717 Main.

\$10,000 Suit Starts Today

A \$10,000 damage suit trial got underway in Circuit Court this morning.

Defendant in the suit is Consumer Heating Company, 320 Klamath Ave.

The plaintiff, Jane Shiel, represented by Atty. L. O. Sismore, is seeking \$10,000 general damages and \$135 special damages for medical expenses.

The complaint charges the heating concern with negligence resulting in injury to the woman Aug. 20, 1948, at 7th and Main Sts.

She is seeking damages for injuries claimed suffered when she fell into a ditch at the intersection. The heating company was repairing underground pipes at the intersection at the time.

Danger Sign Holds Vandals

PORTLAND (AP) — The signs around the fenced vacant lot read: "Beware of Scapigera attacks, back slowly out."

The signs caused considerable consternation in the neighborhood when Eileen Sealy first put them up, but the newspaper, Monday, gave it a scare. Monday, Mrs. Scapigera, who Miss Sealy has inside the fence, the newspaper explained, are primroses, hyacinths, etc.