

NEW STEEL STRIKE VOTED

8 Hostages Freed, Cons Quit Flight

ANGLETON, Tex. (AP) — Bailed in their attempt to steal a plane for an escape flight to Mexico, two fugitives from a Texas prison farm were recaptured early Wednesday after releasing three hostages. The hunt continued for two other convicts, both believed unarmed and afoot.

The four prisoners escaped from Ramsey Prison Farm Tuesday night set off a reign of terror during which they took, and subsequently released, eight hostages. Detained were John E. Welch, 24, convicted murderer and Russell H. Pulliam, 21, serving a robbery sentence.

At large were Robert Arthur Chick, an airplane pilot serving a robbery sentence, and George Theodor, also sentenced for robbery. Hostages released here were Mrs. Lela Sprules, 30, her daughter, Clara Jo, 6, and A. C. Searcy, 35, all of Angleton.

Mrs. Sprules said the four sped into her driveway at Angleton just after Searcy had given her a ride home.

The governor is combing Oregon for Eisenhower votes in Friday's primary election, and sees the not only as the salvation of the Republican party but of the country as well.

Since the general won handily in New Hampshire's March 11 primary, Gov. Adams has been on the road almost constantly campaigning for Eisenhower in various states.

He had dinner last night with a group of local Republican leaders, then talked before a crowd of about 250 at the Willard banquet hall.

'MUGWIMPS' Eisenhower can win this year, he said, and may be the only Republican candidate who can draw enough of the "mugwump" or independent voters to beat out the Democrats.

Only by nominating Eisenhower, Adams declared, can the Republicans escape booting away their chances for a fifth straight election and escape becoming an ineffectual splinter party.

Sen. Robert Taft, Eisenhower's chief opponent for the nomination, is a "superlatively good legislator," and should be kept right where he is, in the U.S. Senate, Gov. Adams said.

The speaker characterized the Democratic administration as a blot on the good name of America, and declared:

'We're dictated to by hoodlums and people who have no sense of morality or dignity.'

As for Eisenhower's close connection with the Democratic administration, particularly upon foreign policy matters, Gov. Adams pointed to an incident in his home state before the primary election.

Figaro, a Paris newspaper, sent a correspondent to New Hampshire to feel out the Eisenhower sentiment. The newsmen said he was there because the course of Europe's future depends also on the course of America's future.

The United States, Gov. Adams said, cannot afford to lose all the friends Eisenhower has made for this country in Europe and cannot shake off the responsibility it has for helping out the rest of the free world.

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Eisenhower Praised By Gov. Adams

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GOV. SHERMAN ADAMS

Yacht Cruise Short Lived

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The battered 80-foot yacht Eloise, with 10 of its 12 crew members aboard, was taken in tow by the coast guard cutter Ewing Wednesday.

The Eloise, buffeted by rough seas while on its way to Hawaii, was taken in tow some 22 miles southwest of the Golden Gate.

Coast Guard headquarters said the Ewing, answering a distress call, put a line aboard the Eloise at 9:47 a. m.

Then the Ewing started back to San Francisco, with its arrival time estimated at 7 p. m.

The Eloise listed these passengers when she departed:

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Farrell, formerly of Seattle, owners of the schooner.

Farrell, a retired Navy officer, was described as the only experienced seaman aboard.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry N. March, Grass Valley, Calif., and their three children Hugh, 17, Martha, 16, and Jane 11.

William Spencer, Klamath Falls, Ore.; William Jackson, San Francisco; and Mrs. Kay Jurgensmeyer, Champaign, Ill.

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Party Clans Clash; Vote Battles Hot

By MORRIE LANDSBERG

PORTLAND (AP) — Republicans and Democrats alike scrapped among themselves Wednesday in a lively prelude to Oregon's presidential primary on Friday.

Sen. Estes Kefauver, virtually uncontested for 12 Democratic delegates, started the Democratic wrangling himself.

In a speech at Salem, he publicly thanked a number of politicians who he said had been supporting him. Some of these politicians are candidates for delegate to the Democratic convention.

Many of his listeners interpreted this as endorsement of the candidates. Kefauver said it was not.

PLEDGES It was pointed out that every delegate has signed a pledge to support the winner of the preferential vote—certain to be Kefauver.

Republicans, led by Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon, clashed anew over a slate of delegate candidates selected in behalf of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, prime choice in this case. Eisenhower headquarters called to head off eight unpledged delegate-candidates whom they consider sympathetic to Robert A. Taft of Ohio.

Morse, while committed to Eisenhower, first criticized the singling out of 16 candidates for at-large places from among 50 who pledged to support the election winner.

REACTIONARIES At the same time, in a statement at Eugene, he referred to the unpledged candidates as eight reactionaries who seek to split the Oregon delegation. Only three have declared themselves for Taft.

Robert A. Bennett, a Portland attorney and one of the eight who defended his position in the primary in a letter to Republican Gov. Douglas McKay, an Eisenhower backer himself, Bennett said that if elected he would support only candidates "who by their record and promises are exponents of true Republicanism."

Kefauver puzzled some Democrats by asserting in his speech at Salem that there is a stop-Kefauver movement in Oregon—intended to cut down the size of his vote. He did not indicate who he knew it.

"I know of no stop-Kefauver movement," said Monroe Sweetland, Democratic national committee chairman Sweetland recently wrote that the Tennessee senator

Demo Rally To Honor Tennessean

Tennessee's Sen. Estes Kefauver, although practically without opposition on Friday's Democratic ballot, is working hard at the job of getting Oregon support in his campaign for the Demo presidential nomination.

He is due in Klamath Falls about 7 o'clock tonight, and will appear at a rally at Fremont School at 8.

This morning he was at Pendleton, and at 1 p. m. talked from the courthouse steps at Prineville.

At 3:30 p. m. he was scheduled for a speech at the Eagles Hall in Bend.

The tall Tennessean is traveling by plane, and after spending the night here is scheduled to go on to Ashland and Medford to wind up his Oregon campaign.

He is virtually assured of victory here in Oregon and the support of this state's 12 delegates to the Democratic national convention. Only the names of Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois and Justice William Orville Douglas oppose that of Kefauver on the Demo presidential ballot, and both Stevenson and Douglas have asked voters not to vote for them.

ALL-OUT But he's campaigning as though he had a whole state of opponents. A delegation of local Democrats and city officials is to meet Kefauver's plane at the airport, and escort him to Fremont School for the public appearance. His talk is to be broadcast over KFLW at 8:30.

SCHOOL BUDGET Votes Tonight Falls at Fremont School and Klamath Union High will be open until 9 o'clock tonight (daylight time) for balloting on the proposed 1952-53 elementary and high school budgets.

The vote at Fremont is on the \$789,294.45, and at KUHS on the high school budget which totals \$551,903.77.

Much of the money is to be raised by direct property taxation, so the ballot question is whether to accept the prepared and published budgets and whether to levy the tax necessary to raise the money the budget calls for.

All qualified voters living within the city school district are eligible to vote.



SEN. ESTES KEFAUVER

French Arrest Bey of Tunis

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — France put the 70-year-old Bey of Tunis under virtual House arrest Wednesday for balking at a French martial law decree.

French troops carrying bayonets moved in and replaced the colorful blue-uniformed Arab soldiers of Sidi Mohammed Al-Amin's own honor guard at his summer palace built on the site of the ruins of Carthage.

The Bey, nominal ruler of the country since May, 1943, refused a French demand that he countersign a decree declaring martial law in the country.

In another blow, the French issued orders that two of the Bey's nine children would have to leave French passes to get in and out of his palace.

They were Prince Ghady, 47, and Princess Zakiya, 30. The prince long has been known as sympathetic to Tunisia's Nationalists who have been demanding freedom to rule their own internal affairs.

The princess was recently reported to be one of the heads of a terrorist band of Nationalists. She is the wife of Health Minister Mohammed Ben Salem, recently released from arrest with other members of the pro-Nationalist cabinet of deposed Premier Mohammed Chenik.

Weather

FORECAST: Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California—Sunny Thursday. Slightly warmer afternoon. High Thursday 72. Low yesterday 49. Low last night 48. Precip last 24 hrs 0. Since Oct. 1 15.13. Normal for period 10.65. Same period last yr 14.84.

Men Demand Quick Wage Increase

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The GI-Steelworkers Wednesday unanimously agreed to close the nation's steel mills in a new strike if industry fails to grant promptly a satisfactory wage increase.

The 2,500 delegates to the sixth biennial convention rose and shouted approval of the resolution.

The convention turned into a mass demonstration. Delegates swarmed over the speaker's platform shaking President Philip Murray's hand, yelling, shouting, tossing co.etti and shooting off fire-crackers.

The huge convention hall was a bedlam for a full 10 minutes after Murray asked the delegates to rise in support of the resolution that demanded "the crisis in the steel industry must be promptly resolved."

In the demonstration, the shouting, whistling, cheering, delegates chanted, "no contract, no work."

"We cannot and will not continue indefinitely to work in 1952 for 1950 wages and working conditions."

"We cannot and will not continue indefinitely to work without satisfactory collective bargaining contracts."

"We re-emphasized the position we expressed at our special convention in January."

"We re-emphasized our determination to achieve our goal. Our cause is just. We ask only that which is our right. We ask for no more. We will take no less."

The rank and file steelworkers stirred up talk of a new steel strike before and after an address by Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin who told the convention he supported them in their demand for wage increase.

Discussion of the resolution took up most of the day's session as delegates after delegate took the floor and demanded that America's steelmakers sign a new contract based on the recommendations of the Wage Stabilization Board.

Tobin told the steelworkers he stands "heart and soul and spirit" behind them in their fight for more pay.

Punchboard Ban Upheld

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that Portland's anti-punchboard ordinance should go into effect immediately.

In an oral order announced from the bench, the high court reversed a three-judge Multnomah Circuit Court order that had held the Portland City Council had no right to attach the emergency clause to the ordinance, which makes all punch boards illegal.

The City Council added the emergency clause so the ordinance could go into effect immediately.

Correction

A report in yesterday's Herald and News on the Monday evening "Build the Basin" forum erred in one place by saying City Councilman Mark Smith had turned "thumbs down" on the proposed increase in the mayor's salary. (That proposal is one of seven city ballot measures to be voted on Friday.)

Councilman Smith, member of Monday's forum panel, actually favored the mayor's salary increase. "Thumbs down" should have read "thumbs up" in yesterday's forum story.

8 Hostages Freed, Cons Quit Flight

From London: "British aircraft constructors announced today an additional refinement to the sector seat of speed-of-sound fighter planes—a tiny gadget that automatically brings the pilot safely to earth even if he has lost consciousness.

"The invention is a barometric box the size of a pack of cigarettes that takes over as soon as the pilot is hurled out of the plane, frees him from the seat and at the right altitude opens his chute."

"Designers figure that in quitting a 600-mile-an-hour plane the pilot might pass out or not otherwise be in good shape to open his parachute."

Presumably complicated? Wait a minute. How about this growing talk of the effect that modern jet fighter planes are getting too fast and TOO COMPLICATED for human brains and human reactions to keep up with.

We are hearing already that such planes must evolve into a MANNED BY ROBOTS. We are told that if the Russians do it first we'll be OUT.

That's pretty complicated stuff, too.

Then there are these platforms in space, man-made and man-made. They'll circle the earth in an orbit, as other satellites (not man-made) circle other planets.

From them (maybe) we'll launch (maybe) guided missiles with atomic warheads that will smash any city on earth we might elect to smash. Or (again maybe) we'll broadcast from them television programs that will cover the earth from one point of orbit.

Again we're told that if the Russians do it first we'll be up to US to do it first.

How about these floating platforms? How will the air be up there? How will human beings sustain life on them? How will living conditions be up there? Who will want to man them? If nobody volunteers, will somebody be drafted to do it?

That raises another question: HOW ABOUT GOVERNMENT?

There is a lot of talk—much of it by intelligent, able, thoughtful men—to the effect that the BIG thing that is wrong with our federal government is that it is too complicated to be run by men. SELF-SEEKERS find the opportunity to gain power or to gain profit. Is the answer to that more robots?

I shudder to think of it. I don't want to be governed by a robot.

There are robots and robots, you know—just like people. There was Percy the Iron Man—Brains, Legs, Nuts, You know you're much older than you like to admit. He was one of the early—very, very early—comic strip characters. He was an amusing blunderer. He was always getting himself into jams and he usually got out of them in ways that brought laughs.

But, in a world in which complication is growing by leaps and bounds—a world in which we are already talking about robots to handle fighter planes that have become too complicated and terrible to be handled by men born of women, a world in which we already recognize that our mathematical problems are too vast for "THINKING MACHINES" to handle, is there any other alternative?

BULLETIN

CANCELLED A meeting scheduled for tomorrow afternoon between committees of the International Woodworkers of America and the Pine Industrial Relations Committee in connection with the mill strike here has been cancelled.

Chet Irving, of the PIRC, said early this afternoon the meeting had been cancelled by Robert McClellan, commissioner of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. McClellan said the IWA committee would be unable to attend a meeting tomorrow.

Board Shuns Street Strips

The Klamath Falls Park Board, meeting Tuesday afternoon, rejected a suggestion by the City Council that the Park Board take over maintenance of the center strips on Pacific Terrace and California Avenue.

Some weeks ago the Council had asked the Park Board to take over the grassed-in center strips, citing that the job of watering, mowing and weeding the strips was getting to be too much for adjoining property owners.

The Park Board however determined that the strips aren't Park property and that it has no authority to spend park money on property it doesn't own.

Other action of the Park Board Tuesday included decision to resurface the two center tennis courts at Moore Park and approval of the department's tentative budget.

The Recreation Committee—which has the same membership as the Park Board—decided Tuesday to recommend to the City Council that bleachers from Recreation Field be moved to Conger Field and repaired.

The bleachers have been condemned as unsafe, and their use forbidden until they are repaired. Recreation Field has been used as a ball park for Oregon Tech and Sacred Heart this spring, and Sacred Heart has offered to buy the property from the city.

Airmen Tell Of Collision

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Five surviving B-29 crewmen told Wednesday of the terrific impact which knocked four of them unconscious when their big bomber and a Marine fighter plane collided Tuesday nearly three miles above the Pacific ocean.

Altogether, six members of the crew parachuted to safety and seven are missing.

None of the missing crewmen are from the Pacific Northwest.

One Marine, presumably the pilot of the Marine Corsair fighter plane, was killed. Those rescued suffered only minor injuries.

Witnesses said the big bomber appeared to break in two, the forward section exploding into flames.

Navy and coast guard vessels continued searching southwest of Santa Catalina Island for any sign of additional survivors.

Hopes were not too high. Seven parachutes were sighted after the crash.

They were worn by the six surviving B-29 crewmen and the downed Marine, whose body was recovered.

Wreckage of the planes sank immediately. The bomber was from March Air Force Base, Calif., and the fighter from El Toro, Calif., Marine Air Base.

S-Sgt. Lawrence L. McLaughlin, 22, flight engineer, Dayton, Ohio, told newsmen "it seemed as if the big B-29 just stopped dead in the air. It shook terrifically. I jumped through a hatch and pulled my parachute ripcord. The airplane was afire."

2 Bloodmobile Visits Slated

A double-header visit, May 19 and 20 of the Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled for this month according to Virginia Dixon, executive secretary, Red Cross headquarters.

Quota this month is 300 donors. A total of 255 pints of blood was collected during the May visit.

Residents of the Gilchrist community will have an opportunity to donate on the first day, Monday, 2:30 to 6:30, PST.

Donors here will go Tuesday, 12:30 to 4:30 DST. Make reservations by calling Red Cross headquarters, 7184 or Mrs. Hugh Swaney, 3213.

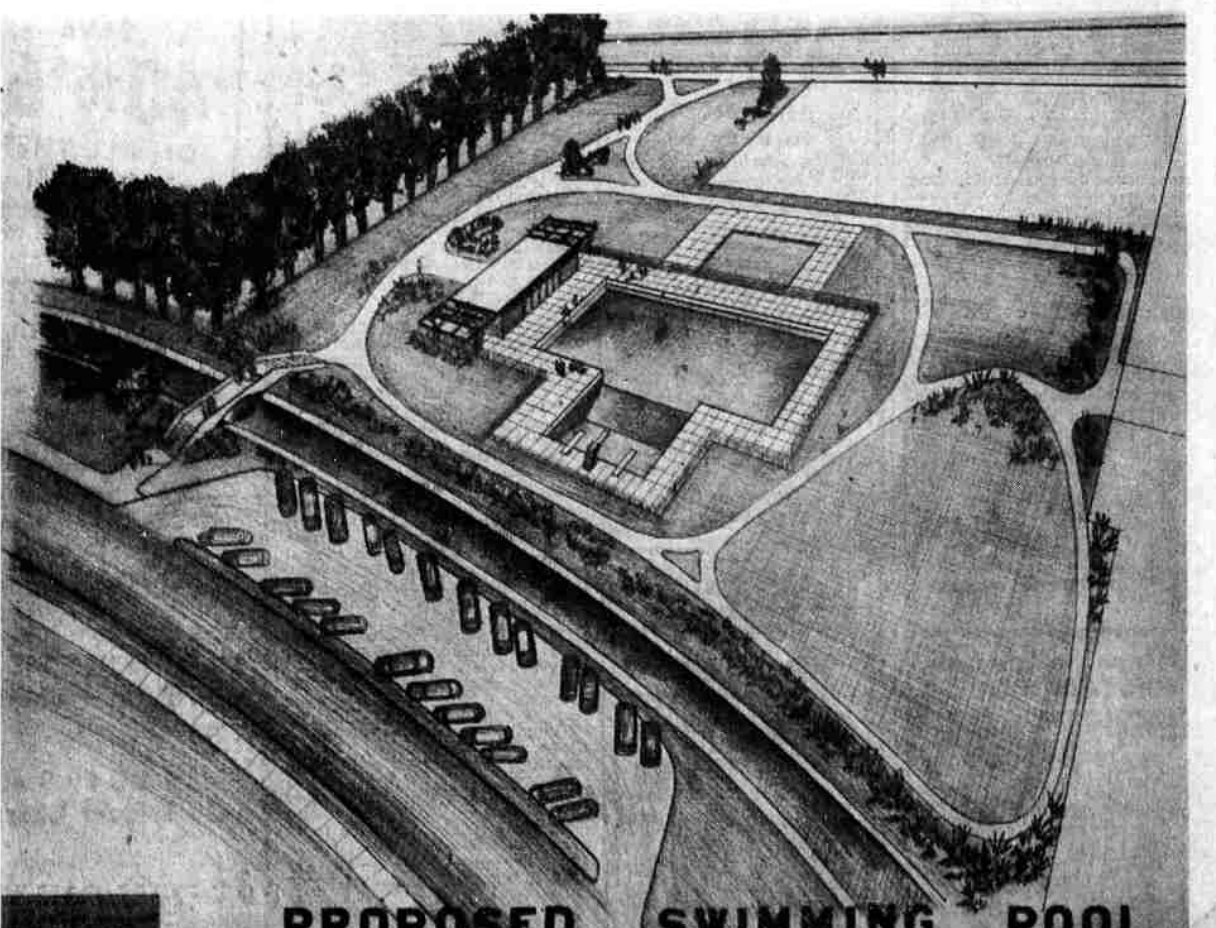
Bonus Checks Set for July

SALEM (AP) — Oregon veterans bonus checks totaling 27 million dollars will be paid in July to more than 65,000 veterans, the state veterans department said Wednesday.

All veterans whose applications have been approved will be paid off in July. The maximum bonus is \$800.

While the department has approved 65,000 claims, it has denied less than 400.

The department estimates it will receive claims from 60,000 veterans who have not filed their claims yet.



PROPOSED SWIMMING POOL

THE GENERAL IDEA — Here is architects' conception of the proposed municipal swimming pool. City voters are to decide in Friday's election whether or not to pay a 1.5 mill tax for construction of the pool in the 1800 block on Main Street. Architects Morrison and Howard show a footbridge over the canal giving access to an off-the-street pool parking area. The pool would be roughly two or three times as large as the Malin pool and would have a large wading pool adjacent. The pool would accommodate from 700 to 800 swimmers, with heated dressing rooms for that number. Pool water and dressing rooms could be heated by a natural hot-water well already drilled on the city-owned property, which contains 2.28 acres.