

POLITICAL SQUALL AWAITS IKE

In The NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

Political squall: National Eisenhower-for-President headquarters invites delegates to the GOP national convention (all 1206 of them) to VISIT IKE when he gets home - at Abilene, Kansas, New York or Denver.

The late first not out that Republican national committee funds would be used to pay their expenses - which caused Taft backers to howl like wounded wolves. Later, Eisenhower headquarters explained that delegates could either pay for their own trips or LOCAL (not national) Ike funds would be used to foot the travel bill.

Taft's straw boss, David Ingalls, still yells "Fraud!" a guy named Sullivan, Kefauver's political top kick, chimed in with the charge that such a thing would be "gross bribery."

Evidently the other contenders are afraid of the famed Eisenhower charm and don't want Republican delegates exposed to it. (Ike has announced that he won't attend the convention.)

Just the same, the scheme is a long shot. I'd say, to the picking by the Eisenhower organization of a slate of ten "approved" delegate candidates in the Oregon primary. That made all the other candidates as sore as a boil, and so far as I can see it did no good.

I sometimes wonder if Ike doesn't pray in the secret hours of the night when nobody is around to hear him, to be delivered from his POLITICAL friends. He must know that his BIG asset is the FAITH of millions upon millions of common, everyday, non-political people that he is the leader we NEED in this critical hour in our nation's history.

If he is nominated and elected, it will be this personal faith in him that will turn the trick.

Meanwhile, it seems to me, Ike is doing all right on his own.

In Paris, while packing to leave for home, he tells reporters that he will:

1. Wear his uniform until his official conference in Washington, which is expected to be some time late next Tuesday. He will then put on civilian clothing, as an officer on inactive duty.
2. If he is nominated as the Republican candidate for President, he will resign his commission as an Army officer.
3. He will not CAMPAIGN for the nomination. (It is presumed that by this statement he means he will not make barnstorming campaign tours.)

What, I think, is about what the millions who are pinning their faith to him want him to do.

It won't be easy.

The printed pages will bulge and the air waves will vibrate with POISONED questions addressed to him. At the same time, sincere men and women will be putting to him sincere and well meant inquiries. He will need to turn aside the poison, but he will WANT to make sincere answers to sincere requests for information that people are entitled to have.

I imagine he will be able to take care of himself. In World War II, he had to train his men to RECOGNIZE BOOBY TRAPS and to beware of them. The Germans were unbelievably crafty in their handling of their prisoners, to create doubt if Ike's political enemies will be any smarter along that line than the Germans were.

After all, all Ike needs to do is to BE HIMSELF.

Death Toll Over 200 For Holiday

By The Associated Press
Accidental deaths during the national observance of Memorial Day weekend passed the 200 mark Saturday.

The three-day holiday period half over, 149 traffic deaths were counted. Thirty-two deaths from drowning were reported. Another 26 from miscellaneous accidents raised the figure to 207.

Pleasant weather persisted Saturday over much of the country, and the National Safety Council estimated 35,000,000 automobiles were in use. The council predicted that the traffic death toll for the holiday period between 6 p.m. Thursday and midnight Sunday would reach 310.

Auto traffic took 37,500 lives in the nation in 1951. During the first four months of this year, the highway death toll was 10,650.

In Oregon

By The Associated Press
Oregon had recorded only two violent deaths Saturday—the second day of the Memorial holiday week end.

Killed early Saturday when a car went out of control on a curve and crashed in a pasture near Portland was Clifford C. Aldrich, 24, a member of the 89th Squadron at the Portland Air Base.

The car driver, James Claude Baldwin, 28, and two other passengers were injured. They also were members of the 89th squadron. Sheriff's Deputy James M. Meacham, passing the scene of the accident, heard Baldwin's call for help and discovered the wreckage. He said a plank from a fence had struck Aldrich in the head.

John Marshall Hill, 36, Portland, was killed early Friday when his car crashed into a railroad overpass abutment.

More Cities Go 'Daylight'

By The Associated Press
Two more Oregon county seats join on Sunday the list of cities on daylight saving time. They are McMinnville and Hood River.

They bring to 16 the number of Oregon's county seats with fast-time clocks. In many cases other towns in the counties went along, but in others they didn't.

With McMinnville going on daylight time at 2 a.m. Sunday, the other Yamhill County cities which had stayed on standard time will now make the switch.

In Hood River County, Cascade Locks advanced its clocks the middle of May and the communities of Odell and Parkdale are expected to go along Sunday with Hood River city's change.

Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas and Columbia are among the counties where practically all towns followed the county seat in the shift to daylight saving time. Linn is one of the counties where some did and some did not.

Most courthouses put their staffs on changed hours, but stayed on standard time to comply with the proclamation of Gov. McKay holding the state to standard time.

These are the county seats on daylight time: Burns, Portland, Hillsboro, Oregon City, Astoria, McMinnville, Eugene, Roseburg, St. Helens, Bend, Prineville, Klamath Falls and Lakeview.

South Mourns Demo Mule

WASHINGTON (AP)—The mule, a Southern congressman observed Saturday, is going to the dogs. In fact, most of them already have gone there, as dog food, at two cents a pound.

Rep. Rankin (D-Miss.) described to a reporter sadly how talent scouts for pet carriers have swarmed into the Cotton Belt and lured away the hard-tailed ornaments of Dixie's mule barns.

"The bottom has dropped out of the mule market," the Missourian mourned. "For a majority of the farmers in my county, mules were once the big cash crop. Now the mule industry has practically disappeared."

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Red POW Control Faces Test

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, homeward bound Saturday, was flying straight into an angry political squall kicked up by a plan for GOP convention delegates to visit him, expenses paid.

Protests against the plan's no-cost feature arose from the political managers of Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, who holds a delegate lead over Eisenhower in the tight Republican presidential nomination race, and of Sen. Estes Kefauver, Tennessee who leads Democratic candidates.

The howls of political pain went up Friday, shortly after Eisenhower's headquarters here disclosed that every delegate had been invited to call upon the general in any of three places—Eisenhower's hometown, Abilene, Kans.; New York, or Denver.

Spud Sentries

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C. (AP)—Armed sentries kept watch over four tons of potatoes piled on the Elizabeth City courthouse lawn Friday night.

The potatoes occupy the featured role in Saturday's annual potato festival here. They were obtained with difficulty because of the shortage.

Forecasters Optimistic On Business

NEW YORK (AP)—Forecasters of better business ahead persisted this week. But the forecasters said competition is getting keener.

It's going to take hard work and aggressive selling to capture the consumer's dollar, they added. Manufacturing plants rolled out their goods at a better rate than the totals for the holiday-shortened week indicated.

Many of the labor troubles of recent weeks were clearing up. The Labor Department reported April was one of the most strike-studded months in history.

NEAR RECORD
A million men were involved in strikes that started last month, including the three-day steel walk-out. The Labor Department said the only month exceeding this was January, 1946, when 1,370,000 were idled.

Looking back to last month, the Commerce Department said there continued signs of a slight pickup in business in April.

Cash dividend payments by corporations in April were reported two per cent above April, 1951. And for the first four months, the department said dividends showed a five per cent increase over a year ago.

Forum Topic Civil Defense

The "Build the Basin" forum hits the airways again next Monday, this time broaching the subject of Klamath County's Civil Defense program.

Topic will be "How Can we best Protect the Basin in Any Emergency?" Civil Defense is being pushed as a protective measure, not only from man-made disasters such as the A-bomb, but from the forces of nature. Klamath County is undergoing an extensive organization under the defense program.

As usual the panel discussion will get under way at 8:30 over radio station KFLW, and the audience is invited to participate. Phone service will accept questions from listeners after the panel begins, and panel members will answer questions related to the subject.

A panel of experts is being assembled, and each will give his views on the topic before the question-and-answer period begins.

Sabres Down Two Red Jets

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—American Sabre jet pilot Saturday shot down two Communist jets over Northwest Korea. On the ground Allied artillery damaged one of six Red tanks making a rare appearance on the Western front.

The Fifth Air Force announced Red jets were shot down Saturday. The Sabre jets were flying protective cover for fighter-bombers hitting Red rail lines in extreme Northwest Korea.

The Fifth Air Force said no Allied planes were lost in air combat last week, a sharp reversal from the week before when the Red jets held a 5-4 advantage. The past week six Russian-made MIG 15s were downed.

During the seven-day period ended Friday midnight, the Air Force said, three B-26 bombers failed to return from night attacks and one Mosquito control plane was shot down by Red snipers.

In addition to the six MIG kills, the Air Force claimed two damaged and an unidentified night fighter probably destroyed.

Non-Support Arrest Made

Robert Pence, 28-year-old bus driver, is held in the County Jail for non-payment of child support as ordered in a divorce decree.

He was brought here from Portland Friday by Sheriff Fred Britton.

A divorce decree obtained by Linda Pence Oct. 24, 1951, in Circuit Court here, ordered her husband to pay \$120 a month for the support of three minor children.

Court records show that Pence made only one payment, that for \$25 on May 12.

Hat Returns To Roost

DALLAS, Ore. (AP)—C. V. (Barney) Shreeve of Dallas chatted with a stranger in a restaurant here while eating lunch.

When the stranger left, Shreeve noticed that the man had forgotten his hat. Shreeve looked under the inner lining in an attempt to learn the identity of the owner, and he found this name: "C. V. Shreeve, Dallas, Oregon."

Shreeve said it was the same hat that he had forgotten and left in a Salem restaurant three months ago.

Mother Kills Two Children

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Sheriff H. P. Gleason said the wife of a Navy lieutenant thrust a knife into herself 30 times early Saturday after stabbing her two children to death in their Navy project home.

Sheriff Gleason said the woman, Mrs. Mary Glenn, slashed the children to death with a paring knife after beating them with a baseball bat until they lost consciousness. Dead are Billie, 8, and Bobbie, 5 1/2.

Gleason said Mrs. Glenn, taken to a hospital, was in good condition.

She offered no reason for the slabbings, just continually muttered "My God, why did I do it," the sheriff said.

The husband, Lieutenant Robert H. Glenn, is stationed at Guam.

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