

Eisenhower's Inauguration Ceremonies Seen by Millions

By ED CREEGH
 WASHINGTON (AP)—Dwight David Eisenhower, 62, a soldier battle-tested in the service of peace and freedom, took office today as the 34th President of the United States.

The classically simple swearing-in ceremony at noon, Eastern Standard Time, shunts into history two turbulent decades of Democratic rule. Likewise, in a time of brittle world tension, it seals the voters' mandate for Eisenhower's promised "Great Crusade" under Republican leadership.

Thousands of merry-making visitors—half a million was the official estimate—surged into the teeming, expectant capital for the inauguration and the vast, colorful, 10-mile-long parade to follow.

The weather? Considerable cloudiness after an early morning fog was the Weather Bureau's best guess, with chances about even that the sun would break through. Temperatures in the 40s were indicated.

"E-Day," with its administering of the presidential oath by Chief Justice Fred Vinson, brought elevation to Richard M. Nixon too, a fellow Californian, Sen. William F. Knowland, arranged to administer his oath as vice president, just before the swearing-in of Eisenhower.

Today's ceremony came eight years, seven months and 14 days after another peak in the career of the incoming President. It was on June 6, 1944, as supreme commander of Allied forces in Europe, that Eisenhower set in motion the D-Day onslaught which was to crush Nazi Germany.

Now, as commander in chief and chief executive, the former five-star general must cope with the

world again divided—and first of all with a savage, seemingly stale-mated conflict in far-away Korea.

He knows the score. He has been to Korea. He has worked as head of the North Atlantic Treaty forces to weld the defenses of the West into a Euro-Asian wall against Communist expansion.

And fittingly enough, in the light of the job facing him, Eisenhower planned to begin with prayer today of his ascent to the presidency.

A private service in National Presbyterian Church, where he will worship while in the White House, was the first item on today's program. Only the President's own family and high officials of the new administration, with members of their families, were invited to join him in worship.

Afterward, in quick succession, the program called for Eisenhower to be:

Picked up at his hotel by his escort, Senate President Pro Tempore Styles Bridges of New Hampshire and House Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr. of Massachusetts;

Driven to the north portico of the White House to pick up retiring President Truman, who had his bags all packed;

Driven to Capitol Hill for the inauguration and his 2,250-word inaugural address;

Treated to luncheon (creamed chicken in patty shell, baked sugarcured ham), with Nixon and other dignitaries at the Capitol;

Driven to a fancy, heated reviewing stand in front of the White House to watch the Inaugural Parade with its 18,000 servicemen, its state and territorial floats, its

governors and other VIPs, its host of bands and bugle corps, its three live elephants;

Allowed, finally, to enter the graceful mansion at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue which will be his home and headquarters for the next four years.

Tonight he'll don white tie and tails, the new first lady will slip into a puff of smoke, and the town will be sprinkled with thousands of glittering rhinestones, and all eyes will go to the ball. Or, rather, to the two Inaugural Balls. This windup social event of the first real GOP whiffing of its kind since Herbert Hoover's day got so big that no one hall in Washington could contain it.

Tomorrow? It's nose to the grindstone for President Eisenhower.

Some of his work he inherited from Harry Truman, who vacated the big oval executive office at 4 p.m. yesterday. Other problems were sure to arise daily—as they have for every President.

Eisenhower already had a spot of Cabinet trouble. Senate confirmation of his choice for secretary of defense, Charles E. Wilson, was being held up over Wilson's big holdings in General Motors, which gets more defense contracts than any other firm. GOP peace-makers were busy trying to straighten that one out—so far without success.

Truman left another hard one behind—the appeal of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted atom spies, for White House commutation of their death sentences. The outgoing President took the position that he'd decide their fate if the Justice Department sent along a recommendation in time. He

hadn't received the papers when the question went over to his successor.

Truman himself was set to bow out immediately after the inauguration. He planned to go to a farewell Cabinet luncheon, catch a nap and then take the train home to Independence, Mo.

Nobody but top officials, with their motorcycle escorts, could get any place in a hurry yesterday or today. Even before the big Inaugural Parade up Pennsylvania Avenue and south sectors, traffic congestion was fierce.

Seldom if ever in its long history of spectacles has the capitol seen anything like this. From the farms and the cities, the highways and the oil leases, from seemingly every nook and corner of the nation came Republicans once starved for victory and determined to enjoy it now they had it.

They jammed into two duplicate performances of the inaugural festival last night—a star-spangled extravaganza with great names of Broadway and Hollywood cheerfully contributing their talents.

About the only break, in fact, in the general jollification was the

solemn interval today when Nixon, then Eisenhower, were to read their hands on treasured Bibles and swear: believe God to perform their duties faithfully.

The presidential oath is set forth in the Constitution:

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and serve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States."

By custom, two additions are made: The incoming President speaks his own name after the "I." And at the end, he adds the words: "So help me God."

On the eve of accepting this obligation, Dwight Eisenhower and his wife Mamie dined together, quietly, in the Hotel Statler's Presidential Suite, taking no part in the pre-inaugural hilarity that echoed around them.

The soon-to-be first lady took time out for one chore yesterday. She had her hair waved. And yes, she had those famous bangs shaped and trimmed.



WRESTLING champions were awarded the winner's trophy at last week's meeting of the Klamath Kiwanis Club. Kiwanis Pres. H. O. Juckeland presents the award to Ron Owings, manager of the South Sixth Street Wracklers, while Bill Badorek, the team's sponsor, looks on. The Wracklers won the Christmas tournament here.

Set For Alien Signup

In the month that alone in the Klamath area must be presented to authorities, Public Schools are being set up as a part of an educational program for non-citizens.

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More information may be obtained by phoning the teacher, Mrs. D. O. Ross, at 9785.

Draft to Call 53 Thousand

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army wants 53,000 men called through selective service in March—and the Defense Department has indicated monthly calls may continue at about that level through June.

The Army draft call was issued late Monday. The figure is the same as that announced for February and compares with 48,000 in January, 47,000 for each of the three preceding months and 30,000 in September.

Milk Price Hearings Due

PORTLAND (AP)—Hearings on whether milk prices should be increased will be held next month in six Oregon cities, the State Board of Agriculture reported Monday.

Distributors and producers at Coos Bay, Medford, Eugene, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls and Heppner requested the hearings recently when milk prices were changed—resulting in some counties in a one-cent reduction.

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