

By FRANK JENKINS

World affairs note: Secretary of State Dulles took off today for Europe and the Big Four foreign ministers meeting at Geneva. In a last-minute statement, he says: "The West is ready to meet every legitimate Russian concern for security."

He added: "We doubt that in the long run security is ever gained by perpetuating a grave injustice like the division of Germany."

If you doubt Mr. Dulles' statement, break out your encyclopedia and read up on the history of Alsace and Lorraine. These provinces, which have alternated back and forth between France and Germany — and between the ancestors of the French and the Germans before France was France and Germany was Germany — have been potent breeders of wars for more than a dozen centuries.

The blood that has been shed in these wars would fill a small-sized ocean, and the hatreds that have been generated by them have poisoned Europe since the early beginnings of European history.

As Dulles suggests, if the Russians insist on handing out East Germany to the Soviets, another Alsace-Lorraine — which may never be heard of again.

Bouncing from world affairs to U.S. politics, Democrats launched their farm conference at Des Moines yesterday with a charge that Secretary of Agriculture Benson should have taken action a year ago to stall off the "farm price squeeze."

Representative Michael Kirwan of Ohio, chairman of the Democratic national congressional campaign committee, pointed to resolutions adopted by a meeting of Midwest Republican governors a week ago as proof that there is a "squeeze" which has to be considered. These Republican governors asked Secretary Benson to begin promptly the purchase of hogs by the government to support prices.

Former Democratic Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan told his fellow Democrats assembled at Des Moines that the symptoms (falling hog prices) were apparent a year ago. He said Benson should have started buying up hogs then.

Well! Well! Well! Here's a bunch of political Democrats and a bunch of political Republicans who are IN AGREEMENT on a political issue, they both believe that the way to get farm votes in the 1956 political campaign is to promise the farmers GUARANTEED HIGH PRICES, regardless of supply and demand, for everything the farmer has to sell.

There are political farmers, you see, in both parties. (A political farmer is a politician who farms the farmers for votes instead of farming the land for crops.)

Merely for argument's sake, let's suppose that a year ago when pork prices started falling because too many pigs had been fattened, the preceding spring Secretary Benson had started buying pork to KEEP THE PRICE UP.

What would he have done with the pork? Why, he'd have had to STORE IT UP in a government warehouse.

Then — Because the price of pork would have remained high — People would have CUT DOWN on their consumption of pork.

So — Theoretically — With supply exceeding demand, prices of pork would have fallen. In that event — still dealing with theory and not fact — fewer pigs would have been fattened the following spring.

But — Dealing now with fact — The high guaranteed price would have caused farmers to RAISE MORE PIGS in order to take advantage of the high guaranteed prices.

So the result would have been a steadily accumulating supply of pork piling up in government warehouses to hang like a dark thundercloud over the pork markets of the future.

Like wheat. And like cotton. That's the way POLITICAL FARMING works.



ROYALTY REIGNED at Friday night's opening of the 19th Annual Klamath Basin Potato Festival at Merrill when Queen Lou Ann Kandra was seated upon her golden throne. Her bouffant white nylon net gown was accented by her purple velvet robe, and jeweled crown. The vestments of royalty were relinquished by last year's queen, Mary Johnson, of Merrill, who returned home from Oregon State College, to step aside for the new monarch, James J. Short, Salem, director, Oregon State Department of Agriculture, placed the crown upon the new monarch's blonde tresses before a banquet crowd of 350 persons, representing all parts of the Klamath Basin. With Queen Lou Ann are her two flower girls, Susan Haskins, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Haskins, Merrill and Marlene Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Moore, also of Merrill.

Thousands Attend 19th Annual Potato Festival In Merrill Under Balmly Skies

MERRILL — Bright skies and balmy weather set the scene this weekend for the annual celebration that marks the close of another potato growing season. Festival goers officially opened the 19th Annual Klamath Basin Potato Festival here Friday night, when approximately 350 guests gathered in the grade school gymnasium for a turkey banquet, to witness the crowning of Queen Lou Ann Kandra, and to applaud this year's top potato growers and the grassman of the year.

Wood Adviser Sets KF Visit

WASHINGTON — William Coburn, staff counsel for the joint committee on federal timber, will be in Oregon shortly for interviews and to complete plans for the committee's hearings on federal timber sales policies to be held in the Northwest November 14 to 30.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity, Oct. 23, Sunday: Partly cloudy. Cooler Sunday night. High 60, low 30. Monday: Partly cloudy. High 60, low 30. Tuesday: Partly cloudy. High 60, low 30. Wednesday: Partly cloudy. High 60, low 30. Thursday: Partly cloudy. High 60, low 30. Friday: Partly cloudy. High 60, low 30. Saturday: Partly cloudy. High 60, low 30. Sunday: Partly cloudy. High 60, low 30.

Stevenson Stirs Political Talk With Parity Support

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. Adlai E. Stevenson stirred political talk among Midwest Democratic leaders yesterday with a strong endorsement of 90 per cent of parity price supports for basic farm crops.

Sen. Kefauver (Tenn.), another prominent possibility for the Democratic presidential nomination next year, also hit heavily on the farm problem in his first major political speech of the fall. And New York Gov. Averell Harriman, likewise talked of for the Democratic nomination, was billed for a major address on farm matters tonight.

Saar Basin Closed Off Until Sunday Election

Police Shut Frontiers For Safety

SAARBRUECKEN, Saar (AP)—Police slammed shut the frontiers of this rich industrial basin Saturday because officials said they feared gangs of rowdies might come in and try to intimidate voters and vote counters in Sunday's historic plebiscite.

Promptly at noon, red and white poles were lowered across all roads leading into the Saar, effectively sealing off the 921-square-mile area.

UNTIL MIDNIGHT. Until midnight Sunday, after the votes on the statute "Europeanizing" the territory have been counted, all incoming traffic from West Germany, France and Luxembourg will be stopped, with certain exceptions, to insure that 664,000 Saarlanders can vote freely.

If the majority vote yes, the Saar will become a supra-national state. The coal-rich steel-producing valley would continue its close economic ties, including a customs union, with France, and control its own internal government.

Foreign relations and defense would pass from France to a neutral high commissioner appointed by the seven-nation Western European Union (WEU).

If the voters say no, the status quo will continue. That means political autonomy, but still a close economic tieup with France. It also would mean a customs and currency barrier between the German-speaking Saarlanders and other German living just across the eastern frontier.

Heart Specialist Predicts Ike's Release On Nov. 12

DENVER (AP)—Dr. Paul Dudley White said Saturday that President Eisenhower is "convalescing well," the healing of his heart has speeded up, and he should be able to leave the hospital on schedule in the week of Nov. 5-12.

The Boston heart specialist, the top consultant of Eisenhower's case, told a news conference that he had "only good news" Saturday.

He pronounced the President "on the road back to good health," but said that "we shall have to wait another two or three months to make sure of the completeness of his recovery."

Asked whether he could envision being able to tell the chief executive at the end of two or three months whether he could run for a second White House term if he wishes, White replied that all the doctors can tell him is "how fit the heart is."

He suggested that the decision would have to be Eisenhower's but that the wishes of his family also might be taken into consideration.

It was learned that the doctors are figuring tentatively on letting Eisenhower check out of the hospital midway of the week of Nov. 5-12, although a definite date has not been set.

White and a team of doctors gave the chief executive a complete medical checkup Saturday morning at Ft. Monmouth Army Hospital. White presided at a news conference afterward at the Denver White House.

As the doctors see it, it still probably will be Jan. 1 before the chief executive could return to his duties in the White House. When he leaves Denver he probably will fly to Washington, spend a day or two in his farm at Gettysburg, Pa.

During the convalescence period here the President should be able to step up conferences with Cabinet members and other administration officials, or even hold a meeting of the full Cabinet.

And possibly he might turn the procedure around and go from Gettysburg to Washington for occasional meetings.

In response to a question, White said that Eisenhower's recovery has gone along "almost exactly" according to the schedule he outlined on his last previous trip to Denver two weeks ago.

He quoted a letter from Dr. Eugene Lapeckin, a cardiogram expert at the University of Vermont medical school, as saying that while electrocardiograms during the first 10 days after the President's Sept. 24 heart seizure indicated that "the healing process appeared delayed," it has now caught up with the time schedule.

Indians Study Hospital Plan

The Klamath Indian general council Friday afternoon considered the executive committee appointment of a subcommittee to study the possibility of reopening the hospital at Klamath Agency.

Members of the two-man subcommittee are Boyd Jackson and Reservation Superintendent W. W. Palmer. Palmer, who is scheduled for transfer to group insurance if it is decided that reopening the hospital would be infeasible. The subcommittee will report to the general council at its next meeting.

In the debate prior to passage of the proposal, introduced by Jackson, Dr. F. D. Wilder, U.S. public health service physician who operates the clinic at Klamath Agency, told the council that medical facilities for the reservation were poor, and that if the hospital were reopened, the tribe should set up some type of group insurance pre-paid medical plan.

Jackson told the council that the hospital would probably have to be set up as a community hospital, serving the reservation but also surrounding communities such as Port Klamath and Guloquo. He said that the many details involved would have to be worked out by the subcommittee.

Shortly after the vote on Jackson's proposal, it was discovered that the council lacked a quorum, and the meeting was recessed until November 3. Acting Chairman Jesse L. Kirk, who took over the gavel from his brother, Seldon Kirk who was suffering from a throat ailment, asked each member present to make it your business to see that your friend or neighbor attends the November 3 meeting.

Two Hunters Shot During Opener

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. Two hunters were wounded, both seriously, as bird-hunting season opened in Oregon Saturday.

John Freeborn, about 35, of Dayton, suffered a thigh wound and lost a quantity of blood when a gun held by his 11-year-old son, Mike, accidentally discharged, state police reported.

Clifford Schrock, route 1, Woodburn, also suffered a shotgun wound in an accident near Canby. Schrock was struck in the face, side and arm. He was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, where attendants said he was in serious condition, but expected to recover.

Bird Hunters Open Season

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. Hundreds of bird hunters were in the field Saturday morning as the waterfowl and pheasant season opened in Oregon half an hour before sunrise.

Many were in the Klamath Falls area, where the State Game Commission predicted the best hunting would be. Pintails and white-fronted geese were reported in great numbers in the region.

The Upper Klamath Lake area was expected to have good supplies of pintails and spoonbills as well as redheads and mallards. Some 2,400 acres of the Upper Klamath Wildlife Refuge at Pelican Bay were opened for hunting for the first time.

Duck hunting was expected to be only fair elsewhere in Western Oregon.

Best pheasant hunting was expected to be in Eastern Umatilla County.



V. I. (VIC) DOUGLAS, Oliver Equipment salesman for the Fred E. Barnett Co. on Spring Street, smiled for the 9 o'clock photographer Saturday morning. Douglas just recently returned to work after a bout in a local hospital with pneumonia.

Late Major Grid Scores

Portland State 18
Oregon Tech 14
Oregon State 14
Washington State 6

So. California 33
California 6
Oregon 46
Arizona 27

Washington 7
Stanford 7
Michigan 14
Minnesota 13

Ohio State 26
Wisconsin 16
Maryland 20
Syracuse 13

Notre Dame 22
Purdue 7
C. E. Caldwell Dies In Crash

Charles E. Caldwell, 34-year-old manager of the Pirestone Store in Klamath Falls, died shortly before 9 p.m. Saturday in Klamath Valley Hospital as the result of injuries suffered earlier in the day in a collision between two pickup trucks.

The accident occurred at 7:30 a.m. Saturday three miles south-east of Merrill on the Lower Klamath Road.

Four other persons were injured. According to state police they were the unidentified driver of one of the pickups and a passenger, Adeline Hauck, 4212 Homedale Road, and A. R. Schibel, Portland and W. A. Brock, Klamath Falls.

Mrs. Hauck is in Klamath Valley Hospital. The other two victims were released after treatment for minor cuts and bruises.

Caldwell, who was a native of Nebraska, had been a resident of Klamath Falls for 11 months. He is survived by his widow, Lucille Caldwell, 1820 Worden. The body was taken to Ward's Klamath Funeral Home.

Police believe a dense fog which blanketed this area early Saturday morning may have been responsible for the accident.