

WE APPROVES PRIMARY ENTRY

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
In a jam-packed session in his not-too-big oval-shaped office in the White House this morning, President Eisenhower tells the Washington reporters (in answer to pointed questions) that he will announce his decision on a second term "as soon as it is firmly fixed in my own mind."

He added: "I shall strive to see that it is based as to my best judgment on the good of our country."

Referring to a formal notice that his name has been entered in the March 13 New Hampshire Presidential Primary, he said he has no objection to his name being entered in the New Hampshire primary—or any other state primary. Reasonable enough. He didn't enter his name. Somebody else did it. It was done by petition. The constitution of the United States guarantees to the people the right of petition.

Entry of his name in a Presidential primary commits him to nothing.

The big question: Will he or won't he? Put it this way: We'll see what we'll see. It is Ike's decision, and his alone—because it is Ike's life that is at stake.

At this morning's conference, the President reaffirmed his complete faith in State Secretary Dulles, but declined to get into the controversy over Dulles' "brink of war" statement in a recent magazine article.

He told the reporters that in his own view, in waging peace, our country has got to stand firmly on essential matters. He added that if that brings on the danger of a conflict because of aggressive actions by others, you can regard it as a brink.

As I see it, that's about the way it is.

If you're to amount to anything at all in this world, you must have principles. If you have principles, you must be willing to stand up for them. If you have to FIGHT for your principles—well, you have to fight for them.

Any other course involves RUNNING AWAY—and if we ever start running from the communists we're goners.

In conclusion: France's new national assembly (chosen at the recent French election, and corresponding roughly to our congress) convenes in Paris this morning. It is expected that French President Coty will begin his search for a new French premier (the French nation's chief executive official) early next week.

In France, that's a good deal like starting a new search to find your misplaced glasses. That is to say, it's a search that in France is going on more or less all the time.

What's wrong with France? The answer is simple: TOO MANY POLITICIANS AND TOO FEW STATESMEN.

Explosion Dead Still Unknown

LAKE CHARLES, La. (UP) — Disaster crews waited for the flames to die down today before boarding the explosion-wrecked tanker S. S. Maritime Salem in a search for bodies or survivors.

How many men on the ship and docks were killed could not be determined at once. Three were known dead, eight injured, and Calcasieu Parish Coroner Harry Shtatic said 24 to 25 men had not been accounted for.

The tanker blew up Tuesday night, setting off a holocaust that destroyed, in addition to the ship, two barges and two docks. Damage was estimated tentatively at two million dollars but it was expected to go far beyond that.

The Maritime Salem, fully loaded with 120,000 barrels of gasoline and kerosene, was preparing to sail for Norfolk, Va., when the first explosion ripped her at 10 p.m. Tuesday.

Burning fiercely, she broke in two and sank with her keel in the mud in 35 feet of water. Cities Service Co. owned her and she operated out of New York.

New Storm Rises In Gulf Of Mexico

By UNITED PRESS
The Gulf of Mexico hatched a snow storm which crippled 60,000 square miles of Texas and swept all the way to the Great Lakes today.

A near-zero freeze followed the snow in Texas and heavy snow warnings were posted for parts of five Midwestern states. More snow hit Arkansas and Missouri.

The storm also brought soaking rains to five bone-dry Southern states, breaking a critical mid-winter drought at least for the time being.

Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee, hadn't had any good rains for almost a month.

At Paris, Tex., there was an 8-inch snow and buses ran five hours late. Six inches of snow were measured at Bonham, home of House Speaker Sam Rayburn, and it was so cold that an official temperature reading couldn't be taken because the weather observer's instruments froze.

Clear, cold weather followed the storm in Texas, but forecasters predicted snows of up to 8 inches or more for Southern Illinois and Indiana and parts of Missouri, Oklahoma, and Iowa.

The predictions were borne out as Charles City, Iowa, measured 9 inches of snow; Malden, Mo., 5; and Flippin, Ark., and Paducah, Ky., 4.

State Police in Southern Illinois said highways were packed with up to 4 inches of snow early today and it was still coming down.

The U.S. Weather Bureau said the widespread snows and rains were springing from a storm center born in the northern Gulf of Mexico. The deepening low center should be over Ohio or West Virginia by tonight, it said.

West of the storm, temperatures went below zero as far south as Lincoln, Neb., where it was an icy minus 7 degrees early today.

And on the East Coast, a strike of fuel oil and coal truck drivers in New York City reached the crisis stage.

There were high hopes that the three-day-old strike would end today, but the city's Real Estate Board warned of a "catastrophe in the making" if it doesn't.

Temperatures were around freezing and many Manhattan buildings feared they would run out of fuel today.

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Abbott Jury May Receive Case Today

OAKLAND (UP) — A grim-faced jury of seven men and five women soon must decide whether Burton W. Abbott, a slender accounting student, is guilty of kidnaping and murdering a teen-age schoolgirl.

The jury will probably get the case this afternoon, the 48th day of the trial.

First, however, Dist. Atty. J. Frank Coakley had to finish his final arguments. He was certain to demand the death penalty.

Then Superior Judge Charles Wade Snook planned to take about two hours to instruct the jury, probably after the noon recess.

Then the jury will retire to discharge its duty.

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THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG CITIZEN of Klamath County was named by the Klamath County Junior Chamber of Commerce Wednesday at a joint dinner meeting of the Jaycees and the chamber of commerce. Robert H. "Bob" Beach, standing, left, was the winner of the distinguished service award for 1955. Gail Osborne, right, 1954 winner presented the plaque to Beach. Seated at left is Mrs. Robert H. Larson, wife of Lt. Col. R. H. Larson, senior project officer at the Klamath Falls Air Force Base. Jim Stilwell, master of ceremonies at the dinner is seated in the rear. (Story on Page Four.)

Letter Takes Sarena Spotlight

WASHINGTON (UP) — A House-Senate subcommittee had in its records Thursday a letter in which a Denver attorney offered his services to an official of Al Sarena Mines, Inc., in the company's appeal for a denial of 15 mining patents in Southern Oregon.

The letter, one of a series initiated in the record by Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich.) as the hearing recessed Wednesday, was signed by George F. Rock, whom the letterhead identified as an attorney with offices at Denver.

Hoffman said Rock is now Democratic national committeeman from Colorado.

The subcommittee is investigating the Department of the Interior's grant of the patents in 1954. The patents had been rejected in 1951 on grounds of insufficient minerals to warrant mining.

One of the letters offered by Hoffman was addressed to H. P. McDonald Jr., secretary of the Sarena company, at Mobile, Ala., and dated Nov. 22, 1952.

It referred to "several conferences" having been held with officials of the Interior Department and "my associates in Washington" concerning the Sarena patents and concluded:

"My associates in Washington, the law firm of Hudson, Gruelke and Linscomb will arrange for a hearing in Washington and are willing to represent your firm at the hearing. I will also be available to assist, and have reason to believe that we can obtain a favorable decision.

"The fee for this service will be \$10,000 of which \$3,000 is payable in advance as a retainer fee and to cover expenses. The remainder of \$8,000 will be due and payable only if a favorable finding is obtained. In other words, the last \$8,000 of the fee will be on a strictly contingent basis."

An earlier letter referred to a conference with Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman at Denver concerning the Sarena appeal

and said Chapman "knew nothing about it" but had asked Rock to prepare a brief.

Another letter was signed "Oscar" and addressed to "Dear George." It said action on the Sarena appeal was being held up pending disposition of a court action which the company then had pending in Alabama to overturn the patent denials.

Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore) said he didn't know whether there was "anything improper" in the letter, but said "they sound bad to me." He added, however, that "the fact is that while Chapman was secretary, the patents were not issued."

SERVICE ESTIMATE
The committee also received a Forest Service estimate that salable timber on the Sarena company Al Sarena properties increased in value from \$126,150 in 1950 to \$231,775 last year.

The estimate was made by Richard E. McArdle, Forest Service chief, who supplied the two estimates after Republican and Democratic members of the subcommittee were unable to agree as to the date for which value should be determined.

Rep. Jones (R-NC) asked the 1948 figure, he said, because that was when the Sarena company first filed for patent on its 23 Rogue River National Forest claims.

The Forest Service chief said his valuation was based on the appraised worth of Douglas fir and sugar pine standing on the 15 disputed claims. He said it was "common knowledge" that competitive bidding has brought timber higher than appraised values at sales of timber elsewhere in Oregon.

McArdle said the Forest Service decided to protest the Sarena application on 15 of the 23 claims sought to be patented when assays raised questions as to whether there was sufficient minerals to justify mining.

The protest was upheld by the Bureau of Management's decision in Portland, Ore., and upon appeal by the Sarena company—by BLM's assistant director.

He said the Forest Service was not informed that the Bureau of Mines had been asked to take new ore samples in connection with the company's appeal to the secretary of the interior.

He said his first knowledge of the case was "when we read the decision" overruling the earlier denials and granting the patents.

Asked if he felt this was an "unusual procedure," McArdle replied: "Well, it was different than we had experienced before, yes, sir."

WASHINGTON (UP) — The Defense Department today asked Congress to authorize \$2,012,283,000 for new military construction projects this year at home and abroad.

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The bill would authorize sale of 150 million dollars worth of surplus agricultural commodities, the proceeds to finance construction in foreign countries of housing for American military families.

The Pentagon said the bill included 3740 "urgently needed" new family housing units costing a total of \$78,814,000. That housing was separate from the commodities for construction proposal for foreign areas.

The program called for new work at 292 installations in every state except West Virginia, and in the District of Columbia. Construction also would be authorized in Alaska, Hawaii, the Caribbean area, Newfoundland, Europe, Africa, Pacific islands and the Far East.

The continental United States program would cost \$1,655,281,000 and the overseas program \$554,222,000. The remainder, \$442,780,000, or almost 20 percent of the total, would be for secret projects of the three services.

Escapitis Hits Prison

MONROE, Wash. (UP) — It was two in and two out at the Washington State Reformatory Thursday.

Two inmates who escaped Monday night were recaptured Wednesday night. And two more went over the wall.

Supt. Paul Squier said the new fugitives were Robert Pollard, 19, Huntington, Ore., and Wesley L. Envesart, 19, of Lewiston, Idaho. They used a rope to go over the north wall sometime after 8 p.m., Squier said.

Earlier in the evening, Leon Kerz, 20, of Tacoma, and Don Lee Ferguson, of Dunley, Idaho, who escaped with three others Monday night, were caught as they walked into the nearby town of Snohomish.

That left Buddie Rogers, 18, of Tacoma, still at large. Charles Barrett, 24, of Ellensburg, and Ernest Knapp, 17, of Longview, were recaptured Tuesday night.

Squier said Pollard was committed April 11, 1955, from Walla Walla County, to serve a 15-year maximum sentence for second degree burglary.

President Still Mum On Election Decision

WASHINGTON (UP) — President Eisenhower said Thursday he has no objection to entry of his name in the New Hampshire or presidential primaries in other states. But said he still has not made up his mind whether to run for a second term.

Eisenhower told a jammed news conference—his first in Washington since his Sept. 24 heart attack—that he will announce his

decision "as soon as it is firmly fixed in my own mind."

He added: "I shall strive to see that it is based as to my best judgment on the good of our country."

Anticipating a barrage of political questions at this first Washington meeting with newsmen since last Aug. 4, Eisenhower came to Thursday's conference with a prepared statement dealing with his political future.

OFFICIAL REPLY
It was in the form of an official reply to formal notice that his name has been entered in the March 13 New Hampshire presidential primary, the nation's first.

It was a whopping victory in New Hampshire which gave Eisenhower his first big boost toward the Republican presidential nomination four years ago.

In addition to the New Hampshire primary, his name already has been entered in this year in the one to be held in Illinois April 10.

Petitions by New Hampshire citizens entered Eisenhower's name in that state.

In his reply to formal notice of the action, the President said he was grateful for their confidence and added: "I do not feel I should interpose any objection to such entry."

His statement dealt only with New Hampshire.

But later in the conference, Eisenhower said in reply to a question that he would take the same stand—that is, he would have no objection—to entry of his name in any of the state presidential primaries.

LARGE CROWD
The second largest crowd of newsmen ever to attend an Eisenhower news conference turned out Thursday. There were 290 present. This was four fewer than turned out for his first news conference on Feb. 17, 1953.

Newsmen had a great backlog of questions for the President and they ranged over many subjects, including:

Dulles—Eisenhower said firmly that he has complete faith in his secretary of state but added that he has not read a controversial article in Life Magazine quoting the secretary as saying the country has been three times to the "brink of war."

NATIONAL PEACE — Commenting on a Saturday Evening Post article by Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, the President said firmly in effect that he never has based any military decision on political considerations.

Ridgway had written that when he was Army chief of staff in the early days of the Eisenhower administration the Defense Department sought to pressure him to fit his views to a "preconceived politico-military party line."

WORLD PEACE — Eisenhower said that as compared with three years ago the prospects for world peace are better and brighter. He added quickly that he was not going to stand there and say there is any cause for complacency.

FARM — Asked about feasibility of bringing hogs under the price support program Eisenhower called that too serious a question for a quick answer. He said, however, that he is in favor of moving cautiously on the whole matter of bringing perishable items under the price support program.

WATER RESOURCES — A reporter asked the President whether he plans any steps to put into effect recommendations in a report to him by a Cabinet study committee on water resources. Eisenhower noted that he sent the report to Congress earlier this week, and added he also has aides at work analyzing the document.

Chief Backs Up Dulles' Statements

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The President called Dulles the best secretary of state he has ever known. He said he knows Dulles is devoted to peace and has worked a lifetime with great professional skill to achieve it.

Eisenhower told a news conference he has not read the Life magazine article in which Dulles was quoted as saying administration policy has prevented war in Asia three times and that "the ability to get to the verge without getting into the war is the necessary art."

FIRM STAND
Eisenhower said his own view is that, in waging peace, the country has got to stand firmly on essential matters. And if that brings on the danger of a conflict because of aggressive actions by others, he said, you can regard that as a brink.

Nonetheless, Eisenhower said, when it comes to war he would go before Congress and say what he thought.

The Dulles question came up at the news conference when a newspaper asked if any decision had been reached to use the atomic bomb in any of three instances in which the Life article quoted Dulles as saying the United States was on the brink of war—in Korea, Indochina and Formosa.

Eisenhower replied he had not read the article and he was not going to discuss a privately written article lest he give it the status of some sort of official record.

Moreover, the President said he was not going to discuss anywhere any present, past or possible future decisions before the National Security Council.

ARTICLE QUOTED
The article quoted Dulles as saying he was confident Eisenhower would fight for the islands of Quemoy and Matsu off the Chinese coast, held by the Nationalists.

It also quoted him as saying there had been a decision to use "tactical atomic bombs" in Manchuria if the Communists renewed fighting in Korea.

Weather
FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Occasional rain and snow Thursday night. Scattered snow flurries Friday morning, with rain and snow in afternoon. Highs Friday 33-38; low Thursday night 27-32.

High yesterday 40
Low last night 27
Precip. last 24 hours 0.01
Precip. since Oct. 1 14.61
Normal period last year 3.56
Same for period 3.90

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Vote Workers

Persons interested in working on election boards at the May primary and general elections next November are requested to contact Mrs. Lester Offield, deputy county clerk.

Polio Dance

Tickets are now on sale over Klamath County by the Teens Against Polio for the Polio Dance Saturday in the Klamath Falls Armory, announced Wally Wunder, teens' chairman. The dance is for adults and teenagers, with music on the Starlighters. All proceeds will go to the March of Dimes drive. A dance queen will be selected from the county high school selling the most tickets per capita. She will be crowned at the dance.

One Million Asked For Local Base

Two items totaling \$1,185,000 for projects in the Klamath Falls area were included in President Eisenhower's budget submitted to Congress last Monday. Rep. Sam Conroy reported today.

9 O'clock Special

CONNIE SACKETT and Rose Ann Lehigh led a line of waiting third graders this morning at the 9 o'clock photographer came by. The group, all of Mills School, was waiting for the school bus.