

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In a previous installment of this series, I spoke of the burro. I feel safe in saying that if an epidemic as fatal to the donkey species as is tularemia to rabbits should carry off all the burros in Mexico it would amount to a great national calamity in our neighbor to the south.

As of now, with reservations as to the future, the burro is perhaps the most useful institution in the Republic of Mexico.

What a burro can carry on his pipestem-size four legs and his sturdy back is beyond all human understanding.

The custom is to load him down with whatever product needs to be carried from here to there to the extent of about his own weight or thereabouts. After that, his owner piles on top and freight, animal and owner go trotting merrily down the road to their destination.

Every time you see one of these ensembles it floors you. The other day I noted an indistinct mass approaching down the camino. It turned out to be a burro and his load. His load happened to be sugar cane. Two huge bundles of it — one on each side — had been piled on him. I wouldn't even attempt a guess as to the weight of this cargo, but it must have amounted to at least 100 kilos.

(Down here, you don't speak in terms of pounds; you speak in terms of kilos. A kilo is about 2.2 pounds.) So the sturdy little rascal must have been carrying around 200 pounds of sugar cane.

His owner was perched on top of the pile. Mexicans of the peon class tend to be slight in weight — perhaps because it takes food to produce avoidance, and food is never too plentiful in the lower echelons of the Mexican population. But this one was an exception. He was plump, to say the least.

But the burro was trotting along as unconcerned as if he had no load at all. The burro's business is to take whatever comes in stride.

He isn't lacking, however, in personality.

An American friend — down here the roads are full of Americans, all of them traveling about the same route and encountering each other at some place more or less every day, so one makes friends readily — was talking me about one of these little characters he had seen the day before.

The burro, he said, was standing beside the pavement. No load. Not nibbling at the sparse grass that grows along the asphalt. Just standing there. Presumably thinking.

As the American's car approached, the burro whirled so that its rear or offensive end faced the intruder. Its tail was switching. Its ears were laid back. It looked over its shoulder with an expression that said as plainly as speech could have done: "You and your smelly go-cars, coming down here and upsetting our peaceful world. If you dare to touch one hair of me, I'll kick the stuffing out of you!"

To that, I'll add one of my own. In the mountains of the state of Jalisco the other day a procession of glittering American cars was winding down a curving road. From a barranca at the side, down a steep and rocky trail, a pack train was emerging. The burros were heavily loaded. At the rear end was an old and gray one, with the wisdom of his years and steeped in the traditions of Old Mexico.

He paused. For several minutes he stood there surveying his column of American monsters that derived their sustenance from an evil-smelling liquid called gasoline instead of from the grass and the leaves and the weeds and the wheat not provided by nature for his children.

Then he raised his head, twisted his ears and brayed. It was a derisive bray, with a note of contempt in it. Having thus given vent to his feelings, the old burro took up again the burden of his job and moved on after his fellows down the winding trail.

I'm sure I could read his mind. He was saying to himself: "These snorting, honking American diabolos! They can go raring along on the pavimento, covering more kilometers in a minute than I can make in an hour. But what could they do out in the hills!"

"No! No! Mi viejo! There will always be burros in Mexico."

Airmen Cited After Rescue
OAKLAND (UP) — Oakland Police Sgt. Thomas Cooney rescued two stranded airmen from their wrecked auto early today moments before it burst into flames. Cooney then gave the driver a ticket for speeding.

Cooney said he spotted a car driven by Airman Charles Henderson, 26, speeding on East Shore Freeway. With Henderson was curly-haired Smith, 26. Both men are from Parks Air Force Base.

The policeman said Henderson's car rammed the rear of a car driven by another Parks airman, Robert McMullen, 26. McMullen was uninjured but the impact stunned Henderson and Smith.

Cooney reached the wreck and pulled the two men from the car. Its gas tank then exploded.

Henderson and Smith were treated for bruises at Highland Hospital and Cooney gave Henderson a ticket for speeding.

Red Cross Bloodmobile
March 5 - National Guard at Airport, 7-9 p.m.
March 6 - O.T.I., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
March 7 - Elks Lodge, 6-8 p.m.



A PLAQUE for careful car handling was presented to Klamath Falls General Yardmaster Jim Foster (in plaid jacket) by W. B. Knotts, supervisor of the freight protection service of the Southern Pacific as some yard crewmen look on. The Shasta Division won the plaque by having the lowest freight damage record of any of the SP's 11 divisions in 1955. The plaque was also won by the Shasta Division in 1953. In the front row are (from left) Trainmaster P. V. Stone, Knotts, Foster, S. P. Oliver, yard engineer, and Road Foreman of Engines A. L. Shoupe.

Farm Bill Signing Seen

WASHINGTON (UP) — Senate Democrats said today they are sure that President Eisenhower would sign a farm bill with 90 per cent price supports now that he has offered to run for reelection.

Chairman Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) of the Senate Agriculture Committee said that he is "positive" Mr. Eisenhower would veto the Democratic omnibus farm bill being debated by the Senate.

"When a man becomes a candidate, he turns politician to the core," Ellender told reporters. Mr. Eisenhower yesterday reiterated his unalterable opposition to high, rigid price supports, but he wouldn't say whether he would veto a bill which passed it, if Congress passed it. The President instead urged speedy approval of the administration's farm program which includes retention of flexible price supports.

The Senate, which is in its second week of debate on the measure, agreed to start voting next Thursday. Debate then will be limited to two hours on each amendment and four hours on the bill itself. A total of 46 amendments have been introduced, but it is unlikely that all of them will be called up for debate and a separate vote.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Variable cloudiness through Friday. High Friday 33-41, low Thursday night 27-32.
High yesterday 39
Low last night 25
Precip. last 24 hours .07
Precip. since Oct. 1 17.55
Same period last year 4.34
Normal for period 8.32



CAROLYN GERKIN, left, and Dorothy Crumrine ganged up on the 9 o'clock photographer this morning while walking to Riverside School to attend classes. Carolyn lives at the Klamath View Trailer Court and Dorothy at the 97 Trailer Court.

Autherine Lucy Expelled From College Despite Order

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Autherine Lucy, Negro co-ed, was expelled from the University of Alabama Thursday for an unprovoked charge that school authorities conspired in mob action against her.

There was no official announcement from the Board of Trustees, but members confirmed the action was agreed upon at a meeting Wednesday night. They asked that their names not be used.

License Revise Given Copco

WASHINGTON (UP) — The Power Commission Tuesday issued an amended license to California-Oregon Power Co. (Copco) for its proposed Big Bend No. 2 hydroelectric development on the Klamath River in Oregon.

The amendments to the nine million dollar project's 50-year license, first issued in January 1954, provide:

- 1. A change in date, to make it effective March 1, 1956. This was done because the company completed with a condition that it enter an agreement with the Interior Department concerning use of surplus water from the federal Linj-River Dam.
- 2. Inclusion of a stipulation by the company with the Klamath River commissions of California and Oregon to provide "further protection of the water users."
- 3. At the time the original license was issued, Copco also was directed by the commission to file applications within six months for continued operation of five existing hydro electric developments on the Klamath in California and Oregon.

Thus far Copco has not accepted the license for the Big Bend project, though the commission did not link that with its order concerning the five existing projects.

Copco asked the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia to review the commission's action and the court remanded the case to the commission and raised several questions.

Tuesday's supplemental opinion and order said the commission answered those questions. In effect, it affirmed its previous position.

Idaho Power is proceeding with the construction of its Brownlee project under authority of a federal license which contains specific starting and completion dates.

Roach said he had not seen Thornton's written opinion, but added, "It has always been the policy of Idaho Power to comply

with all pertinent Idaho and Oregon statutes to such extent as may be possible without conflict or inconsistency with its rights and duties under its FPC license. In keeping with that policy the company has application on file with the Oregon Hydroelectric Commission, and a public hearing by that body was held in Baker, Ore., on Jan. 26.

Thornton said Idaho Power submitted to Oregon jurisdiction in that application, but did not wait for a license before starting construction. The Hydroelectric Commission has not yet announced its decision on whether to grant a license.

HEARING
In that hearing attorney C. Girard Davidson, representing groups opposed to Idaho Power, called for the attorney general to prosecute the power firm for starting construction without an Oregon license.

Davidson also a Democrat, is a former undersecretary of the Department of Interior, and is a candidate for Oregon Democratic national committee.

Portland General Electric officials withheld comment. They said they wanted to study Thornton's opinion first.

The state Hydroelectric Commission, and the state Fish and Game commissions opposed PGE's application, but the company won an FPC license. The state challenged in court and won in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals at San Francisco. The Supreme Court, however, in a 7-1 decision, ruled against the state.

Like Enters Primary Races In California, Wisconsin



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Probe Start Delayed By Arguments

WASHINGTON (AP) — A dispute over procedure—including the power to be vested in the chairman—delayed today the start of a special Senate committee's \$350,000 investigation of lobbying and campaign contributions.

The eight-member committee, divided equally between Democrats and Republicans, announced after its first session yesterday that it had deferred election of a chairman until it agrees on rules for its inquiry.

Sen. Bridges (R-NH), senior GOP member of the group, said in talking with newsmen later that "you have to know what rules you're going to operate under before electing a chairman."

Some of the questions to be decided, he said, are who is to issue subpoenas, who is to decide what subjects are to be investigated, who is to determine whether hearings are to be open or closed, and who is to hire the staff employees.

Bridges said that if a chairman were elected before some of these things were settled, "the die would be cast and it would be too late." He also remarked that some members might not want to be chairman under rules approved by the committee.

It had been generally expected in advance of the committee's closed-door meeting that Sen. Gore (D-Tenn) would be elected chairman. Gore declined to comment. Sen. McClellan (D-Ark), senior Democratic member of the group, said he expects Gore still will be named chairman, perhaps at a meeting next week.

McClellan said the members had decided that as a first step it would be advisable to devise rules of organization and operation. He said Bridges and Gore were named to study the matter further and report back with suggestions when they are ready.

Hunt Continues For TV Workmen

EUREKA (UP) — Searchers concentrated on the lower slopes of Red Mountain today as they resumed their attempt to find two missing television technicians.

Helicopters and ground crews completed the search yesterday on the upper slope of the mountain. It was the first time that the weather cleared enough to allow helicopters to take part.

The missing men are Romie Smith, 28, and Glenn McMartin, 25. They disappeared Friday on a routine trip to check microwave equipment maintained by station KIEM-TV at the 4200-foot level on the mountain.

Accusations Relight Pelton, Hells Fights

SALEM (AP) — The fight over Hells Canyon and Pelton dams may rage anew Thursday with an Oregon citizen accusing two private power firms of breaking state law.

Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton told two Oregon district attorneys to take steps that could lead to criminal prosecution of the firms for starting construction of the dams without an Oregon license.

Thornton, a Democrat, said it was his opinion that the licenses were necessary, and that the Idaho Power Co. is violating the law if it actually is starting construction of Hells Canyon and Brownlee dams on the Snake River, as recent news stories have reported.

The Portland General Electric Co. also is liable for prosecution if it is starting construction of the Pelton Dam on the Deschutes River in Oregon, he said.

Both firms won Federal Power Commission licenses for the dams after lengthy hearings.

Thomas E. Roach, president of Idaho Power Co., assisted in Boise legal counsel had advised him the company has done nothing that in any way conflicts with any applicable or overriding provisions of Oregon law.

Knowland Formally Closes GOP Nomination Campaign

WASHINGTON (UP) — Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland formally folded his campaign for the GOP presidential nomination today.

The California senator threw his full support to President Eisenhower and joined in sponsoring a resolution to nominate the chief executive for a second term.

But he warned that "the campaign for 1956 must not be taken for granted" just because Mr. Eisenhower agreed to run.

"Those who remember the campaign of 1948 know that it is very dangerous to take any election for granted," Knowland said. That was the year President Truman came from behind to whip Republican favorite Thomas E. Dewey.

Proctor Seeks Delegate Post

Attorney George Proctor, Republican County Central Committee chairman, said Thursday he will file for delegate to the GOP convention in San Francisco.

But he warned that "the campaign for 1956 must not be taken for granted" just because Mr. Eisenhower agreed to run.

Knowland joined Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Gov. Goodwin J. Knight in sponsoring the California state of delegates for Mr. Eisenhower.

Knowland told a news conference he was notifying his supporters in Minnesota and Wisconsin, where his name had been entered in Republican primaries, that he would not make his scheduled personal appearances there.

He said he had made no move to take his name off the ballot in these and other states where it had been filed. He said it is impossible to remove his name in some states where the deadline for filing was past.

New Army Bid Awarded

Major General Thomas E. Rilea, the adjutant general of Oregon, today announced the completion of preliminary conferences preceding the start of construction of the new National Guard armory in Klamath Falls and that all contracts have been awarded to the Donald M. Drake Company of Portland.

In Klamath Falls to meet with the architects, Murdo Morrison and John Howard of the firm of Morrison and Howard, were Col. Paul Kliever, director of armories and facilities for the National Guard at Salem and his assistant, Major John Anderson. Bert B. Jackson of Portland represented the Donald M. Drake Company.

Work is expected to commence within the next two weeks.

Five contractors had submitted bids for the bid opening at Gen. Rilea's office on January 25, each bid with four alternates. Alternates 1, 2 and 4 were accepted which brought the Drake bid to a net of \$195,200, plus \$3,300 state, or \$198,500 below the bid submitted by Wiley Construction Company of Medford.

Other bidders were Brosthus Construction Company and Duncan Construction Company of Klamath Falls and Thompson and Georger of Portland.

KF Hearing

The Oregon Legislative Interim Committee on Local Government and urban and suburban problems will hold a public hearing in Klamath Falls at Mills School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Friday. All interested groups and individuals are urged to attend.

For further information contact the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce, telephone 5193.

Health Issue Raised; Hall Raps Demo

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower—offering himself to the American people as able to perform his duties as well as ever—pressed his second term bid Thursday by entering Republican primaries in California and Wisconsin.

He was off and running. And, as was widely expected, his health already was becoming an issue of the fast-developing campaign.

Democrats challenged the President's own estimate of his physical capabilities, and asked whether the country wanted what they termed a "part time President."

From GOP Chairman Leonard Hall came the retort that Eisenhower has been "a full time President." He predicted the Democrats would lose votes if they sought to make the President's health a matter of importance in the campaign.

Developments came thick and fast on this first day after Eisenhower announced his big decision and went on nationwide TV-radio networks to put his case before the people. They turned on three main subjects.

DEMOS QUESTION
Eisenhower's Health—Democrats were questioning whether the President could, in fact, fully handle the duties of his office in the light of his Sept. 24 heart attack. Their general attitude was that Eisenhower himself had raised the issue by discussing his health in his broadcast Wednesday night.

Gov. Averell Harriman of New York, one of those figuring in speculation about the possible Democratic nominee, said the President's health certainly would be a campaign issue—that Eisenhower "has made it a major issue."

The possible GOP Vice Presidential Nominee—GOP chairman Hall predicted it will again be Eisenhower's running mate.

There has been recurrent talk that some elements in the Republican party want to "letison" Nixon.

The GOP Convention—Eisenhower signed statements permitting his name to be entered in the presidential primaries to be held in Wisconsin and California on April 2 and June 5, respectively. Laws of these two states require a candidate's written consent. Eisenhower's name already has been entered in half a dozen other states where no such consent is required.

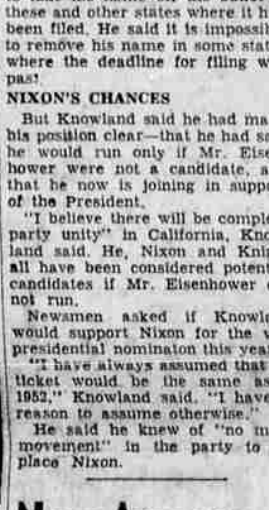
SOLIDLY EISENHOWER
By all the signs, the delegates to the convention, to be held in San Francisco beginning Aug. 29, will be solidly Eisenhower.

Hall was talking to a news conference when he predicted Nixon will be the party's vice presidential nominee. Hall has favored Nixon all along.

On the question of Eisenhower's health as a campaign issue, the GOP chairman said any "whispering campaign" is going to fall because "the American people know the President has insisted that every fact about his health be made known as quickly as it is determined by the medical authorities."

Hall said the Republicans considered in the 1944 campaign whether to make the late President Roosevelt's health an issue. He said they decided that the American sense of plain decency would not permit it, "and, to put it in the bluntest terms possible, would cost us votes instead of gaining them."

Hall said the President is entitled to Republican working majorities in the Senate and House and promised a "real organized effort" to obtain this goal.



GEORGE PROCTOR

Proctor aspires to be one of the delegates to the Republican party from the Second Congressional District which embraces all of Eastern Oregon.

The Klamath Falls attorney is a member of the State Republican Executive Committee and in 1952 headed the Klamath County Citizens for Eisenhower Committee.

Proctor hailed the decision of President Eisenhower to seek another term as "the greatest opportunity for advancement and progress for the individual and the nation as a whole."

Proctor is a native of Klamath Falls. He was graduated from Klamath Union High School and the University of Oregon law school. With his wife, Dorothy, he resides at 4607 Clinton Avenue.

Acceptance of the Colors



ACCEPTANCE OF THE COLORS by Army Reserve Captain John F. Burke (second from right) formally marked the activation of the new 733rd Engineer Aviation Depot Company of Klamath Falls. Major Jay M. Hamilton of Medford, unit adviser for Army Reserve units in Southern Oregon, made the presentation as Colonel Robert C. White, senior Army adviser for Oregon Military District, and Acting Mayor James Barnes looked on. The new company meets on Monday evenings at the Army Reserve Center, 432 Main Street.