

13 Years Ago Eisenhower Said 'Baloney' To Campaign

WASHINGTON (AP)—It was just 13 years ago that Dwight D. Eisenhower first heard his name suggested as a possible presidential candidate. The suggestion came from an American Legion post after Eisenhower's successful North African campaign in World War II.

"Baloney!" was Eisenhower's reaction then.

Thirteen years later the entire world awaited Eisenhower's reaction to a second term as Republican President of the United States. Probably never before was a human being subjected to such varying pressure while arriving at a decision.

Eisenhower was the third of seven sons in a family that traces its American ancestry back to the 18th century. Five of them survive.

BORN IN TEXAS

Born Oct. 14, 1890, in Denison, Tex., he grew up in Abilene, Kan. There he gained the nickname, Ike—although no one knows why.

Finishing high school at 18, he took competitive examinations and finished first on the U.S. Naval Academy list and second on the U.S. Military Academy list.

A few months too old to enter Annapolis, he got into West Point when the man ahead of him was unable to accept appointment. Chance had set him upon a brilliant career.

At West Point, he was a promising football back until he broke

a leg. In 1915, he was graduated 61st in a class of 164.

His first assignment as a second lieutenant was with the 19th Infantry at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. At a party there, he met Mamie Geneva Doud, a Denver girl visiting Texas with her parents. They were married July 1, 1916, in Denver.

FIRST SON

Their first son, born in 1917, died of scarlet fever at the age of 2. A second boy, John, was born in 1922. He followed his father into West Point, is now an Army major and the father of four children.

President Eisenhower never got overseas in World War I. But in the 1930s, as a major, he accompanied Gen. Douglas MacArthur to the Philippines when the latter became military adviser there. He returned in 1939.

In 1941, Eisenhower's tactical skill in big-scale Army maneuvers in Louisiana came to Washington's attention. The name of "war cracker" crossed Europe. America's entry was but months away.

Shortly after Pearl Harbor, Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, dispatched Eisenhower to London to draw up plans for the influx of American troops there.

UPON RETURN

Upon his return, to Eisenhower's complete surprise, he was named to execute his own plans as commander of the European theater of operations.

For the first time, Eisenhower

was a national—and international—figure.

He headed the Allied forces in the North African campaign of 1942 and made a stand-out reputation by placating and fusing into unity American, British and Free French forces.

Successes followed in Sicily and Italy. And in December, 1942, President Roosevelt chose Eisenhower as supreme Allied commander for the all-out invasion of Nazi Europe.

The military climax of Eisenhower's career began June 6, 1944, when he sent the Allied forces onto the Normandy beaches after telling them:

"You are about to embark on a great crusade."

It was his first public use of the phrase, but not his last.

Germany surrendered May 7, 1945, and the first of Eisenhower's great crusades was at a triumphant end.

IN MOSCOW

In Moscow, in London, in Paris and finally back in New York, Eisenhower received the tumultuous plaudits of a conqueror's hero. He became Army chief of staff No. 19, 1945 and held the Army's top post until Feb. 7, 1948.

Meanwhile, he related in his memoirs later, President Truman at the Potsdam conference in 1945 offered to help him get the presidency if he wanted it. Eisenhower wasn't interested.

Eisenhower retired from the Army and took over the presidency of Columbia University in 1948. But shortly thereafter he took leave to answer Truman's call to serve as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In 1951, he left Columbia a second time to command forces under the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance. It was his second great crusade, and he never returned to the university.

As the 1948 political conventions neared, there had been strong movements by both Democrats and Republicans to draft him for the nomination. He declined then, but four years later the Republicans renewed their pressure on him.

AVAILABLE

On Jan. 7, 1952, Eisenhower made himself available for the GOP nomination. At the end of May he returned home from NATO to push his candidacy. The late Sen. Robert E. Taft battled him right down to the convention. But it was Eisenhower on the first ballot.

At the age of 61, Eisenhower retired from the Army he had served for 41 years and hit the presidential campaign trail.

That November of 1952, Eisenhower defeated the Democratic candidate, Adlai E. Stevenson, 33,936,252 votes to 27,314,992 to become the 34th President of the United States.

With a prayer for guidance, he was inaugurated Jan. 20, 1953.

Dwight D. Eisenhower was embarked that day on the third of his great crusades.



DR. MILTON SILVERMAN, noted biochemist and author, will address the Klamath Falls Knife and Fork Club at a dinner in the Willard Hotel March 14. Since 1934, Dr. Silverman has been writing on developments in medical research for the San Francisco Chronicle and many national magazines.

Ex KF Man On Honor Roll

Carl B. Salmeyer, student in gas fuel technology at Southern Technical Institute, Chamblee, Georgia, earned an honor roll listing with a scholastic average of 3.28 for the fall quarter. The student must make an average of 3.0 or better to earn this recognition.

Word of his scholastic standing was sent to his father, Carl Salmeyer, Portland, a former resident of Klamath Falls, by L. V. Johnson, director.

Square Dancers Add Members

DUNSMUIR—The Crag Hoppers, a square dancing club, which meets every other Saturday night at the Castle Crag elementary school, has added some new members.

Those joining the club are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dewey, Mr. and Mrs. James Garrigus, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Columbaro, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lane, Mr. and Mrs. T. Coppi, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McClure, Bill Weggars, Hillis Steele, Helen McKittrich and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Parker. Junior members are Louis Ammirati, Nancy Swift, Darlene Wiley, Judy Zuzama and Rocky Lotton.

The new members are taking a series of lessons under the direction of Ira Wyatt on Monday evenings.

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Elmo Smith Keeps Fast Pace; Traveling Planned

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP)—Gov. Elmo Smith, on becoming governor a month ago, naturally thought about his heart. It was on his mind, because Gov. Paul Patterson had just died of a heart attack.

The fact that President Eisenhower suffered a heart attack makes public officials concerned about their own hearts, too.

The first thing Gov. Smith told me after taking over the executive office was this:

"While Paul's heart was reported in good shape just before his death, I can't help but feel that his fast pace was a factor in his sudden death. He worked night and day, and a man can't keep that up."

HARDEST STRAIN

"The hardest strain is attending public dinners almost every night and making speeches at them."

"One thing I can say for sure. I'm not going to lead that fast a pace, and I'm going to be sure I get a good night's sleep every night."

That might be a good resolution. But Smith hasn't lived up to it. He's been going at just as fast a clip as Patterson did.

He's not only keeping most of the appointments that the late governor had made before his death, Smith is making new ones.

Smith had a complete physical examination before he announced he would run.

Smith isn't well known throughout the state. He represented Grant, Harney and Malheur counties in the Senate and not many people know him in other sections of the state.

As a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, he will have to do a lot of traveling before the primary election on May 18.

HANDICAP

He realizes his handicap, pointing out the problem of a statewide candidate who lives in Eastern Oregon, where only a seventh of the state's population lives.

So, in his quest for election to the governorship, his determination to take things easier has gone down the drain.

Smith will have one big advantage, though. He is inheriting many of the supporters of Paul Patterson. That's a big help when it comes to setting up party organizations in the counties.

His chief opponent in the primary, Rep. Walter Norblad, has been better known than Smith. Norblad, having in mind for a long time that he wanted to be governor, has made appearances outside his own district.

The Republican leaders are dismayed that Norblad is running for governor, because that opens up a congressional race that the Democrats might capture.

They have been trying to figure out why Norblad, just when he is acquiring some seniority, wants to switch to governor.

FAMILY REASONS

Some of them figure that Norblad feels it necessary because of family reasons.

Norblad's father, A. W. Norblad, having been president of the Senate, became governor on Dec. 22, 1929, when Gov. I. L. Patterson died. He served only two years.

A Republican, Gov. Norblad did not win re-nomination. In fact,

Julius L. Meier, the only independent ever elected governor, succeeded him.

Whether that's Walter Norblad's chief reason for running, it's probably a factor.

Mrs. Paul Patterson, after three years as first lady, moves this weekend to Cedar Hills Manor, Beaverton.

She has answered 1,500 letters and telegrams since her husband's death. Two hundred contributions were given to the heart fund by friends of the late governor.

Mrs. Patterson will be back to Salem frequently. She has to, as she is a member of the State Board of Education.

Television Actor To Act 'Extra Careful' This Time

By ALINE MOSBY

HOLLYWOOD (UP)—Lloyd Bridges stars in another five television drama tonight—but this time, he promised, he's sticking strictly to the script.

Bridges is a quiet, well-behaved man who's been acting steadily for years with no overwhelming publicity. But recently in New York he made the front page when he got carried away in a live teleplay and swore.

The swear words were mild, but NBC-TV was deluged with phone calls, pro and con.

Bridges admits he thought his career in live TV possibly was over. But CBS-TV pegged him for tonight's "Climax," a live teleplay from Hollywood. The actor plays a man who confesses a murder to a priest. And Bridges will be "extra careful."

"I'm supposed to read the Act of Contrition to the priest, and the director gave me the actual book from the church," he said. "I came to that part about 'escaping Hell'—and I made a mental note not to read that far tonight! I've decided not to be so realistic for a while."

Instead of hurting his career, Bridges' swear words caused a "terrific" reaction.

"I got letters raving about the show, saying it was just great," he grinned. "All over New York I got compliments from cab drivers. The

director received letters that were fantastic."

In that fatal teleplay, the violent scene was unrehearsed because, "There was no need to play it to the hill or I might lose the emotion later."

On the air, he dropped a club he was supposed to wave at a group of people. So he ad libbed a few yells. The swear words crept in.

"The greatest reaction was from the other actors," he said. "Their mouths all fell open. I wouldn't have known I even swore but for them. I looked at the camera—and saw we still were on the air. So I kept going."

In real life Bridges is "a non-swearing man." This caused his parents to telephone him from Europa, Calif., when they read the news. His 14-year-old son came home from school to know "about this cursing."

"I never made the front pages before. In all my years of acting," said Bridges, and shook his head in wonderment.

NEW CITIZENS

Newly naturalized citizens of the United States will be honored with a program on March 7 at 2 p.m. in the court house. The affair will be sponsored by Dewey Powell Unit, No. 12, Disabled Veterans of America Auxiliary. A social hour will follow in the Veterans Memorial Building.

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