

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Americans who are thinking of driving into Mexico—and it looks like about half of our nation is thinking of doing just that—will be interested first of all in the condition of the Mexican highways.

So far as the west coast is concerned, there is nothing to worry about. Highway 15, leading down from Nogales, is good all the way to Mexico City. Traffic on Highway 15 is relatively light. In Mexico, cars cost about twice as much as in the states. That is because of the duty, which is about 100 per cent. Mexico has a budding car assembly business, and proposes to protect it.

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For the visitor, this has its advantages. In more than 2000 miles of driving in western Mexico, I saw only one accident. About halfway down in Sonora, a trailer truck had jackknifed and turned over. The speed limit on open straight road is 100 kilometers, or about 62 miles.

With reasonable care, driving on Highway 15 is perfectly safe.

This west coast road has been well engineered. There are long, straight stretches—many of them 30 to 40 miles without a curve—between the border and Mazatlan. As a result, excellent time can be made with safety.

Below Mazatlan, there are more curves and the surface of the road isn't so smooth. But there is nothing to worry about, and good time can be made.

What of the cops? They are few and far between. Often you drive for hours without seeing one. They are uniformly courteous and helpful, and you soon come to regard them as your best friends. Almost without exception, they speak good English. If you get lost or have trouble of any sort, just hunt up a cop. He'll set you right, and will do so pleasantly that you'll go on your way rejoicing.

The cities are full of one-way streets, and it's amazing how easily you can go the wrong way. But the usually smiles good-naturedly and motions you to get turned around and head in the other direction.

What of the gasoline? In the state of Sonora, ethyl is quite generally obtainable. But south of Sonora you're just plain lucky if you stumble onto a pump with high test fuel. The ordinary grade—known as Mexolina—is pretty far down the scale. In modern high compression cars it clanks and knocks and you think your car is going to fall to pieces as sure as shooting.

It doesn't. Somehow you keep going—especially if you learn the trick of gaining speed gradually instead of shoving the pedal down to the floor boards. Older cars, and it varies with the grade, but will always be somewhere below a peso per liter. You'll soon get the hang of knowing how slightly less than in the United States. The price of low grade fuel is considerably less.

What do you do with your car? In general, you lock it up and leave it in the street, except in the very big cities. In western Mexico cars left in the streets are quite safe if locked up thoroughly.

Ike Enters State Primary

SALEM (AP)— President Eisenhower's name was entered Wednesday in Oregon's Republican presidential primary, virtually assuring him of the state's 18 votes at the Republican National Convention.

The Eisenhower petitions, bearing 3,000 names, were filed in the State Elections Bureau by Paul Kerrigan, Reed College senior who headed the drive to get the signatures. Only 1,000 names are necessary.

The deadline for filing in the May 18 primary is 5 p.m. Friday. No other Republicans are expected to enter the GOP presidential primary.

No Democrats have been entered yet, either, although the names of Adlai Stevenson and Sen. Estes Kefauver may be entered.

A candidate can file himself. His permission isn't required, however, if the filing is by petition.

Also Wednesday morning, Lamar Toole, Portland lawyer, became the fourth Republican to file for the U.S. Senate seat held by Sen. Wayne Morse, Democrat. Toole said in his platform that he is a supporter of President Eisenhower and of the United Nations.

Other Republicans who have filed for the Senate seat are Philip S. Hitchcock, Lewis and Clark College staff member and former state senator; State Rep. Elmer Deitz, Canby dairyman; and George Altwater, Portland.

WIND GUSTS
PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP)— Wind gusts were so strong Tuesday they blew away the airport wind gauge. Malcolm Haskett, airport co-manager, estimated their velocity at 100 m.p.h.



HOLDING A SHARP, BARBED ARROW which he recently confiscated from a group of children who were shooting at a dog, Klamath Falls Police Sergeant Odell Olson warned other children and parents that unsupervised use of bows and arrows is highly dangerous. This type of arrow, he said, is quite capable of killing large animals or human beings. Olson said that the only safe place for archery practice is on a properly set up and supervised archery range.

Twisters Hit Middle West; Thirty Injured

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

March twisters skipped across the Midwest and East Tuesday night and early Wednesday, and floods plagued parts of New York State.

Violent storms swept across three Midwest states Tuesday night, killing one person, injuring 30 others and causing property damage estimated between one and two million dollars.

Three homes were reported destroyed by a "small tornado" Wednesday at the village of Candeur in central West Virginia but there were no reports of injuries. Telephone lines were blown down.

POCKET TORNADO

A three minute "pocket tornado" swept through LaSalle, a community near Windsor, Ont., Tuesday night, smashing barns, sheds and some homes.

The New York floods were caused by heavy rains and melting snow. Roads and schools were closed and some families were marooned.

Lightning accompanying the storms caused several fires.

The flooding was caused principally by swollen creeks. The areas affected extended from the lowlands in southeastern New York north through the Albany area and west to Buffalo.

The storm that swept across the Midwest moved into the Ohio Valley Wednesday.

The storm, accompanied by hail in advance of a strong cold front, brought warnings of tornadoes to many Midwest and south-central areas.

A snowstorm, with gusty winds, hit sections of the Rockies, the Central Plains and in the upper and middle Mississippi Valley.

Showers and thunderstorms also struck the lower Great Lakes region and into New England.

WIND STORMS

The vicious storms in the mid-continent, striking most damaging blows in communities in Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, were bailed on the clashing of extremely warm air from the Gulf of Mexico and freezing air spreading northward from the Great Lakes and the North.

The southeast part of the country had summerlike weather. Temperatures rose as much as 20 to 25 degrees as the warm Gulf air moved northward to the Allegheny Mountains.

Tornadoes struck three communities in central Indiana and one in east central Illinois. Violent windstorms lashed other towns in the two states and in sections of Missouri.

Heaviest hit by the twisters was Marion, Ind., a city of 30,000 population 45 miles northeast of Indianapolis. One person was killed and 25 others injured and hospitalized. Indiana state police estimated damage between 1 and 1½ million dollars.

HOUSES FLATTENED

The tornado flattened several homes and 40 guardsmen were on duty in the stricken area.

Twisters ripped through Dunnington, Ind., a community of 25 near the Illinois line, injuring three persons, and near Galveston, 30 miles west of Marion. One woman was injured at Galveston.

Three persons were hurt and farm buildings demolished when a twister struck rural area near Buckley, a town of 800 in east central Illinois. Severe windstorms caused property damage, but no injuries, at Lexington with a population of 1,200 in central Illinois, and near Perryville, in Southeast Missouri.

Constitutional Ruling Given

SALEM (AP)—The Oregon Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that the state's relative responsibility law is constitutional.

The high court unanimously reversed Circuit Judge Frank J. Lonergan of Portland, who had held the law unconstitutional.

The law, passed in 1949 and 1953, authorizes the State Public Welfare Commission to require persons to contribute to the care of relatives, in order to reduce the amounts that the state has to pay to old age pension and other welfare recipients.

Mrs. Alma Mallatt, Portland, challenged the law, claiming it was unfair or the commission to require her to pay for the support of a relative, when she has seven brothers and sisters who have incomes equal to or greater than hers.

She claimed that the law is unreasonable, arbitrary, discriminatory and oppressive.

Judge Lonergan agreed with her, and the Welfare Commission appealed.

The Supreme Court, in its decision by Justice Hall S. Lusk, upheld the law on all counts.

The decision said it is not an unconstitutional discrimination for the commission to compel one of eight brothers and sisters to support her parents, pointing out that she has a right to compel the brothers and sisters to help.

The high court also ruled that there is nothing vague about the law, and that any person who is ordered to pay has a right to appeal to the courts.

C of C Offers Talk Bureau

With the approval of the Klamath Falls City Council of an \$800,000 sewerage system improvement bond issue to be placed on the May 18 primary, many organizations and groups may have questions they wish answered on the bond issue.

Cognizant of this, the Civic Affairs Committee of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce has set up a speakers bureau offering speakers to any groups which wish to hear the bond issue discussed.

The committee is under the directorship of Alice Vitus and is chaired by Truman Runyan. Any groups or organizations wishing a speaker from the bureau are asked to call the chamber office, telephone 5192.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Mostly cloudy through Wednesday night. A few snow flurries Thursday. Highs 33-38. Lows Wednesday 15-22.

High yesterday	24
Low last night	13
Precip. last 24 hours	.02
Precip. since Oct. 1	17.87
Same period last year	4.35
Normal for period	8.56

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Ike Hints Of Retirement If Health Becomes Worse

WASHINGTON (AP)— President Eisenhower said Wednesday he no longer is in the job or be available.

The smiling President told reporters, however, not to hold him to any commitment if he should suffer a week's case of the flu or other mild illness.

Eisenhower was told that Democrats appear to be aiming to make his health a major campaign issue.

He replied that the people have a right to know about his health—that it is the people's business. He said the doctors and he have kept the people informed about his recovery from a Sept. 24 heart attack and will continue to do so.

A reporter said Democrats are suggesting he plans to be only a part time President.

Flushing, Eisenhower said, he was not going to defend himself from such criticisms. But he said he has carefully defined the proper, necessary and constitutional duties of the presidency. He said he is going to be less of a boss than he has been in the past but he is not going to neglect the duties of the presidency of the United States.

Chief Tells Nixon To 'Chart Own Course' On Veep Office

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Race Switch By Norblad Sets Furor

PORTLAND (AP)— Rep. Norblad's decision to follow his party leaders' recommendation to run again for Congress instead of for governor caused some confusion in political circles Wednesday.

Several fellow Republicans had filed for nomination to Congress from the First District, believing there was a question of whether they now would withdraw, leaving Norblad a clear field for renomination.

William Healy, former assistant secretary of state, who had filed for the congressional nomination, said, "I need time to think."

OTHER THINGS

R. F. Cook, Silverton, also has filed for the job. Bruce Williams, Salem attorney, announced earlier he would file also.

On the Democratic side Jason Lee, Salem attorney, and Don H. Matheny, Brooks farmer, announced earlier they would seek the position.

Howard Morgan, state Democratic chairman, asserted a group of Republican leaders put pressure on Norblad to get him to abandon the race for governor.

"Norblad publicly stated on three occasions that he would not withdraw from the race for the governor's office under pressure. He didn't withdraw, he was driven out ignominiously by the Arlington Club group whose control over the Republican Party grows tighter and tighter every day."

"The month-long battle to get Norblad out of Elmo Smith's way was well known to every politician in the state, and I see no reason why the public shouldn't know about it," Morgan said in a prepared statement.

Norblad, in filing for the Republican nomination in the First District, said at Salem Tuesday that party leaders had told him his seniority was needed in Congress and that they feared any change which might open the way for a Democrat to win his seat.

Sixty-Three Amendments Offered On Farm Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)— Senate aides said Wednesday 63 different amendments have been offered to the omnibus new farm bill on which voting is scheduled to start Thursday.

Still others may be offered. Starting Thursday, the Senate has agreed to limit debate to two hours on each proposed change, but there is no limit on the number of amendments which may be offered. On the other hand, many of those pending may not be pressed to a vote.

The bill drafted by the Senate Agriculture Committee combines the soil bank program advocated by the Eisenhower administration with a return to rigid farm price supports—a step the administration says would nullify the benefits it foresees from the soil bank.

Under the soil bank, farmers would be paid subsidies for voluntarily taking out of production land which they otherwise would plant to crops already in surplus.

The administration contends that existing surpluses, in which the government has more than eight billion dollars invested, are attributable to a continuation of rigid wartime price supports into peacetime.

Two years ago the administration persuaded Congress to vote a system of flexible supports, under which prices of basic crops are supported at varying levels depending upon the stocks of each crop on hand. The theory is that this will bring production into balance with demand.

Chairman Ellender (D-La.) of the Agriculture Committee, backing a return to rigid price props, has been pressing for final Senate action no later than Saturday. He predicts a close victory for his side, but so do backers of the administration on the price support issue.

Unless there is a change in tactics, the first vote is due on a proposal by Sen. Anderson (D-Mo.) to knock out the rigid price support provision which the Agriculture Committee approved 8-7.

Iraq Asks Military Conference

JERUSALEM (AP)— Iraq was reported Wednesday to have proposed a military conference with the Arab neighbors of Israel on a common front to "kill any widespread Israeli aggression."

Informed sources in Damascus said the oil-rich Arab kingdom, long a target of nationalist Arab criticism because it is a member of the Western-sponsored Baghdad Pact, submitted the proposal to Syria, Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan.

Strategic discussions went on among the government chiefs of Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia in Cairo.

FOUR POINTS

An Egyptian spokesman there said four points were discussed Wednesday by Egypt's Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser, Saudi Arabia's King Saud and Syria's President Shukri al Kuwattli:

1. The general situation in the Middle East.
2. Arab security.
3. Coordination of the defenses of the Arab world.
4. Coordination of the plans of the three nations whose forces are linked under Egyptian command in a mutual aid alliance—in case of aggression.

The Damascus sources said coordination of inter-Arab military measures also was the aim of the Iraqis, who took part with other Arabs in the 1948 Palestine War.

The Iraqi note to Syria renewed Iraq's offer to extend immediate military aid to any Arab country "exposed to Israeli aggression," the informant said.

In London, Prime Minister Eden's government told the House of Commons it is standing "firm and four-square" by the Baghdad Pact as the corner-stone of Britain's Middle East policy. British moves were reported under way to bring the United States into that alliance, which links Iraq, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan and Britain.

TENSION CONTINUES

Tension continued on Israel's borders with the Arab states. An army spokesman in Jerusalem said an Egyptian position in the Gaza strip opened fire on an Israeli outpost near Beerl village Wednesday. The Israelis returned the fire, he said, but suffered no casualties. Exchanges of gunfire have been almost daily occurrences in this area for weeks.

Israel's Premier David Ben-Gurion declared Tuesday the danger of a second Arab-Israeli war had increased. At the same time Israeli advocates of a preventive war were rebuffed.



ROBERT R. WALKER

Merrill Mayor Files For Post

Mayor Robert R. Walker of Merrill Wednesday filed his declaration of candidacy for county commissioner on the Democratic ticket.

During his tenure as mayor, Walker has spearheaded many civic projects in that community including the paving of 30 blocks within the corporate limits without additional cost to the taxpayers.

Mayor Walker also took a leading part in negotiations which caused the state to authorize widening four miles of Highway 39 through the Merrill area.

Walker has been a resident of Merrill for 35 years. He obtained his education in the schools there. He is married and has two daughters. He said he is not ready yet to outline the policies he would carry out if elected county commissioner.

Two Pilots Reach Safety

MT. FUJI, Japan (AP)— Two U.S. pilots who crashed high on Mt. Fuji two days ago finally got down safely late Wednesday with the U.S. medical paratrooper and two Japanese climbers who went to their rescue.

An Air Force spokesman said all five reached the base of the 12,397-foot mountain after an all-day descent made hazardous by huge drifts, wind-swept icy ledges and foul weather.

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Annual School Concert Slated

The second annual "Pops Concert" will be presented in Pelican Court by the Klamath Union High School band Thursday night at 8 o'clock, announced Andrew Loney Jr., director of music education in the city schools.

A full program has been planned by LaMar K. Jensen, director of the band. The band will play marches, overtures, specialty numbers and many other musical selections.

Soloists will include Stephen Stone, music instructor at the school; clarinetist Kenny Jensen; Larry Pinar, Mike Starr, Roberts Pruitt and a trumpet solo by Larry Bean.

A small admission charge will be collected at the door, Loney announced.

Possible Bulganin Visit Told

WASHINGTON (AP)— President Eisenhower Wednesday held open the possibility of inviting Soviet Premier Bulganin to visit the United States. But Eisenhower said he had not given the matter any thought.

Eisenhower also told a news conference he thought the whole government would have to study more deeply the possible need of changes in U. S. foreign policy to meet Russia's new political and economic offensive against free nations.

The United States, he said, must always have a logical, solid, well-thought out program in which its friends can believe.

The possibility of a Bulganin visit arose when Eisenhower was asked whether there would be "any benefit in your inviting him to visit here."

The questioner pointed out that Bulganin had expressed a friendly reaction to Eisenhower's new letter asking negotiations for a freeze on atomic weapons production.

Eisenhower said he had not thought about the matter of an invitation. He added that the United States government and he will be alert to follow up any opening that looks like it could lead to a lessening of tensions.

Administration officials said, meanwhile, this country will make several new disarmament proposals to Russia and the Western powers later this month. The move would be in line with Eisenhower's appeal in the Bulganin letter to bring "under control the nuclear threat" hanging over the world.

Eisenhower's letter was released by the White House yesterday and within a few hours Bulganin told reporters in Moscow "it was a very interesting letter and a good one."

Bulganin, questioned by newsmen at a Kremlin reception, said he would reply as soon as possible to the letter, received Monday.

At the same reception, Communist party chief Nikita S. Khrushchev held a private 25-minute conversation with U.S. Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen. Both declined to tell newsmen the subject matter.

In contrast to the Russian handling of Eisenhower's last previous letter to Bulganin, received in Moscow Jan. 27 and not published until Feb. 3, the current one was given maximum publicity.

The new agency took published it simultaneously with release in Washington and distributed the text throughout the Soviet Union. Moscow radio carried it on all its newscasts.

The United Nations Disarmament subcommittee is scheduled to meet in London March 19.

Informants said that for several months the Eisenhower administration has been making basic disarmament policy decisions. They were described as following up Eisenhower's proposal at the annual conference in July for mutual "open skies" aerial inspections by the United States and Russia.

Eisenhower's letter was authoritatively described as reflecting those decisions on several key points.

They were apparently brought out in public now because Eisenhower wanted to make a "positive" response to Bulganin's request that he reconsider his rejection of a Soviet-American friendship treaty.

Ike Silent On Running Mate Choice

WASHINGTON (AP)— President Eisenhower said Wednesday he has asked Vice President Nixon to chart his own course as to whether he wants to bid for another term.

Eisenhower declined to say at his news conference whether he would favor Nixon as his running mate if the vice president should decide he would like to try for another term.

Eisenhower said he was not going to be pushed into a corner on a hypothetical question. But he said he has no criticism whatsoever of Nixon as a man, as an associate or as his running mate.

The first question put to Eisenhower dealt with what a reporter called published reports that some of Eisenhower's advisers were urging him to dump Nixon from the Republican ticket this year, and that—secondly—the President himself was reported to have suggested to Nixon that he consider standing aside this time and perhaps taking a Cabinet post.

HESITATED

Eisenhower hesitated momentarily. Then he said forcefully that if anyone ever has the effrontery to suggest to him that he dump someone like Nixon, there would be more news around his office than perhaps ever before.

As for whether he himself had suggested that Nixon consider standing aside this year, Eisenhower said emphatically he would not presume to tell the vice president what he should do.

Eisenhower then said he has told Nixon that he should be one of the comers in the Republican Party—that he is young, vigorous, healthy and deeply dedicated.

It was at this point Eisenhower said he has told Nixon to chart out his own course with respect to his future, and tell the President what he wants to do. Eisenhower repeated that he never would tell Nixon what he should do.

Questions regarding Nixon were prompted in part by Eisenhower's statement at his news conference last week that the President was "expected to say about his choice of a running mate until the Republican national convention meets in San Francisco next August. He coupled with that a remark that it is traditional for the convention to elect the president before there is any talk of a running mate.

OTHER SUBJECTS

Other subjects brought up in the news conference included:

World Peace—Eisenhower said he believes the people everywhere in the world have awakened to the fact that another global war is well nigh unthinkable. On the other hand, Eisenhower said the cold war probably will go on for some time and proceed in several directions. He predicted a very great broadening of that war, but said it does not necessarily carry the threat of a major war.

The United States, the President said, is going to continue to fight for the principles in which it believes, and will remain alert to every threat from abroad.

Middle East—Asked for comment on the dismissal of British Lt. Gen. John Clubb as commander of Jordan's Arab Legion, Eisenhower replied that anyone who would minimize the consequences of that action is being more complacent than he should be.

The great interest of the United States, the President said, is to avoid an arms race in the Middle East. He said the United Nations should take early and urgent action along that line and that both sides in the dispute should abide by its recommendations.

MEANWHILE

Meanwhile, he said, it is not possible to assure peace by rushing arms to Israel, a nation of 1,700,000 people, while the Arab nations have a population of 40 million.

Guided Missiles—In response to a request for comment on a statement by Secretary of Defense Wilson that he believes too much emphasis is being placed on guided missiles, Eisenhower replied that if Wilson meant there has been too much talk, then the secretary was right.



READY FOR WORK this morning when the 9 o'clock photographer came by were these two employees of Jim Olson Motors, 522 South Sixth Street, Kent Crawley, left, 209 Chilquo Street, is a mechanic at the garage and Cliff Evans, Rt. 3, Box 1227, Klamath Falls is the service manager for the firm.