

# War's Low Point Recalled By Adm. Chester Nimitz; Gives Views On New Navy

BERKELEY, Calif. (UPI)—The old man with the white hair and ice-blue eyes gazed out his kitchen window. A drizzly rain and steely overcast shrouded a panoramic view of San Francisco Bay and he remarked, "it was a day like this."

The day was Christmas, 1941, and Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz recalled today that for him it was the lowest point of World War II.

A flying boat had just brought Nimitz to Pearl Harbor where he had been ordered to take command of the U.S. Pacific Fleet shattered by the Japanese attack 16 days before.

The Texas-born admiral stepped out of the plane into a small boat.

"A half inch of oil coated the water," Nimitz recalled. "You couldn't sit down because it had slipped into the boat."

The admiral noticed scores of boats criss-crossing the harbor and asked the officer who had met him what they were doing.

"He called one of them over to us. It was filled with the bodies of dead sailors. They were still taking them from the ships to a collection area ashore."

From this ebb-point Nimitz began assembling the mightiest naval force ever amassed by one nation.

He directed the historic island-hopping campaign across the Pacific by a thousand ships and two million men and saw it climaxed in Tokyo Bay Sept. 1, 1945, aboard the battleship Missouri when he signed for the United States as the Japanese formally surrendered.

Next Feb. 24 Nimitz will be 75 years old. Committees are hard at work planning a huge birthday dinner which the old submarine officer purports to dread.

"Am I looking forward to this celebration? I'm looking forward to the end of it," he said in an interview with United Press International.

Nimitz has not retired. He is listed as special assistant to the Secretary of the Navy and has an office in the federal office building in San Francisco, although he has no set duties.

He and his wife, Catherine, live in their memento-filled home high in the Berkeley hills. A third member of the household is a small, long-haired dog of indeterminate parentage named Dyna—short for dynamo or dynamite.

The Nimitz's four children are scattered across the country. Catherine Vance is married to Navy Capt. James T. Lay, Arlington, Va.; Chester W. Jr., is a retired Navy rear admiral living in Houston, Tex.; and Anne Elizabeth works with Rand Corporation, Santa Monica, Calif.

Nimitz, an erect six-footer, notes that his weight today, 175 pounds, is just about what it was in 1904 when he stroked the Naval Academy crew.

He keeps fit by trying to "be moderate in input of food and drink." His principal exercise is hersehoes ("as highly standardized as golf") and walking ("but it's hard to find people to walk with anymore.")

## Appeal Lost By U Of O

PORTLAND (AP)—The state Board of Higher Education Tuesday formally granted Oregon State College the right to offer majors in humanities and social sciences.

This made final a preliminary decision the board reached last fall. The action, fought by the University of Oregon, contained restrictions.

The decision permits OSC to offer a bachelor of arts degree in humanities and a bachelor of arts or bachelor of science in social sciences. Each is a broad, generalized major without more specialized departmental majors.

The board also will require of students seeking the new degrees a strong minor in a scientific or technical field. It also ruled that no more than 36 hours of credit toward graduation will be allowed for study in any single subject area in humanities or social science.

The board also called for bids on a project, to cost an estimated \$290,000, that will double the size of the OSC student health building.

## Ban Seen On Lipsticks

WASHINGTON (AP)—Some of the lipstick shades women use to prettify themselves may not be on the market after Feb. 1 unless Congress acts.

Secretary of Welfare Arthur S. Flemming asked Congress Tuesday to change the law to permit continued use of some substances which give lipstick their color.

He told the House Commerce Committee there is no question of lipstick posing a cancer danger, but that in large quantities some colors used in lipstick can cause liver and spleen damage in test animals.

As a result of such findings, he said, the government had to take action to bar 17 lipstick colors.

Flemming was the first witness at hearings on proposals to give the government broad new authority to regulate use of food, drug and cosmetic additives.

He renewed his appeal for extending to color additives the anticancer provision that now applies to food additives. That provision bans food additives when tests show they can produce cancer when ingested by animals or humans.



**PELICANA**, the annual variety show sponsored by the Exchange Club and presented by the Klamath Union High School Script and Microphone Guild, began to develop this week as these show officials met to discuss ways and means of attracting Basin talent. They are, from left, Harold Diehl, technical supervisor; Rudy Hornby, publicity chairman; Bob DePew, general chairman, and Donna Schuss, finance chairman.

## Chief Opens GOP Drive; Raps Demos

LOS ANGELES (AP)—President Eisenhower says the United States is the strongest power on earth—militarily and economically. And he gives his administration credit for it.

Opening the Republican campaign this election year, the President fired that reply Wednesday night at Democratic critics who have been contending that:

1. The Soviet Union has pulled alongside or ahead of America in military might.
2. Eisenhower administration policies during the last seven years have stunted the nation's economic growth.

Addressing GOP fund-raising rallies held simultaneously in more than 80 cities across the country, Eisenhower asserted: "Because of our insistence upon adequacy and efficiency, militarily and economically our country is, over-all, the strongest power on earth."

Eisenhower got big ovations when he was introduced and when he concluded his talk. During his remarks he was interrupted repeatedly by applause.

The President's immediate audience was about 7,000 cheering party workers who jammed the huge Pan Pacific Auditorium here. His address also was carried by closed television circuit to thousands at other "Dinner with Ike" rallies staged from coast to coast.

The President made no mention of Richard M. Nixon in this, the home state of the vice president, who at this point is a sure bet to win the Republican presidential nomination.

The President, who often has praised Nixon, is sticking for the present at least to his announced policy of endorsing no one for the nomination—even though, as Eisenhower has noted, Nixon now has no competition.

Eisenhower pictured the Republican party as the champion of free enterprise and said it flatly rejects "the argument that the nation can pump its way to permanent prosperity by an outpouring of federal dollars."

Many politicians, he declared, seem to think that "money by the bale can be printed without shrinking—a kind of saniorized dollar."

The President defended his plans for a balanced budget and a \$4,200,000,000 payment on the national debt—plans that Democrats and even some Republicans have called unrealistic.

The President did not once specifically mention the Democrats in his speech, but there was no mistaking his target.

On national defense he cautioned against being disturbed by "noisy trumpeting about dazzling military schemes."

On the prosperity side of the peace-and-prosperity theme, Eisenhower said: "and remember—more Americans are working than ever before. Real per capital income has never been higher. This is true prosperity. In every way, America enters this new decade stronger than ever before."

## Superintendent Closes Rooms

ECLECTIC, Ala. (AP)—All school lunchrooms in Elmore County have been closed because of an outbreak of infectious hepatitis, a liver infection commonly called jaundice.

School Supt. Ross McQueen said 62 cases had been reported in the county. The lunchrooms were ordered closed indefinitely Wednesday.

A state health official said about 200 first and second grade pupils will be vaccinated against the contagious disease.

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## Republican Will Not Run

HAYS, Kan. (AP)—Rep. Wint Smith, seven-term Republican congressman from the 8th Kansas District, has advised the Hays Daily News he will not seek reelection this year.

The Daily News said it had a letter from Smith which, without elaboration, stated: "I will not be a candidate for Congress in 1960."

Smith, 66, has been mentioned as a possible candidate for governor.

Keith Sebelius of Norton and state Sen. Philip Doyle of Beloit have announced for the Republican nomination to Smith's seat.

In 1958, Smith barely defeated Sebelius for the nomination.

## Situation Unaltered

SALMON, Idaho (AP)—It was 1889, but the words still have a familiar ring.

Then, as now, the lead producers in Idaho and elsewhere said they were in an economic pinch because of foreign imports.

Idaho's territorial governor, Col. George L. Shoup, said then in a letter to producers that they must voice their complaints "throughout the nation, until we have a just protection of our lead and silver products."

He said in the letter which was found by his grandson here that "It is difficult for any loyal American citizen to see why our government—usually so generous—should discriminate in favor of foreign production as against that of the great West."

## Board Fears Flu Epidemic

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon Board of Health Tuesday said Oregon appears headed rapidly toward an influenza epidemic.

Dr. Richard H. Wilcox, state health officer, said there were 3,429 reported cases in the state for the week that ended Saturday. There were 810 cases the week before.

Many other cases probably were not reported to doctors, said Wilcox, who urged those who feel flu symptoms to seek medical aid.

State epidemics the past two years reached a peak of 5,533 cases in one week of 1959 and 2,585 cases in a single week of 1958.

Virginia's Natural Bridge, a span of water-carved limestone, was bought by Thomas Jefferson from the British for 20 shillings.



**RONALD D. HOUSE**, Marine private, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess H. House of 706 Conger Avenue, completed recruit training at the Marine Recruit Depot, San Diego, recently.

## DOUBLE QUALIFIER

DENVER (AP)—Bob Rosburg has qualified for the 1960 National Open golf championship on two counts. He was runner-up in the 1959 event and a few weeks later won the PGA title. The 1960 Open will be held at the Cherry Hills Country Club June 16-18.

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