

State GOP Enters Three In Presidential Primary

HARRISBURG, Feb. 18—(P)—Pennsylvania backers of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Harold E. Stassen, and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower entered their names today as Republican candidates for President in the State's April 22 primary election.

Sen. Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, actively campaigning for the Republican presidential nomination, did not file for the Pennsylvania presidential preference vote.

Neither were the names of President Truman nor Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee entered on the Democratic ticket.

However, a blank space is provided on both Republican and Democratic ballots for voters to write in the names of their favorite for president.

None of the three men entered in the Republican presidential race in Pennsylvania signed the petitions placing their names on the ballot. Their signatures were not required by state law. Neither is the result of the vote binding upon delegates to the two big national conventions.

MacArthur's petitions were filed by John G. Davis, state chairman of the MacArthur-for-President forces; those for Stassen by his long-time friend, Jay Cooke, Philadelphia banker, and those for Eisenhower by Edwin F. Russell, Harrisburg publisher and chairman of the Pennsylvania citizens for Eisenhower organization.

Stassen, former governor of Minnesota and now president of the University of Pennsylvania, is actively campaigning for the GOP presidential nomination. Gen. MacArthur has stated he is not a candidate while Gen. Eisenhower said he would accept the Republican nomination but would not campaign for it.

Army, Marines Ask for 19,000 Men in April

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18—(P)—The Defense Department today issued a draft call for 19,000 men in April—15,000 for the Army and 4,000 for the Marine Corps.

The April call brings to 894,430 the total of announced draftees since selective service was resumed in September, 1950.

The Army has asked for 817,000 of the total and the Marine Corps for 77,430.

The April call is the lowest since last September when 16,900 men were requested by the two services.

The April call is the third lowest since the outbreak of the Korean War. The lowest for any month was July, 1951, when 15,000 men were drafted by the Army.

Army spokesmen said one reason for the smaller draft in April was the increased number of men volunteering for the services, and the greater number of veterans who are reenlisting after the expiration of their first duty tours.

Natural Gas Well Set Afire Again

RENOVO, Pa., Feb. 18—(P)—A newly-brought in natural gas well 10 miles from here burst into a high sky-searing flames tonight for the second time.

Gas experts on the scene said the new fire was touched off by a spark from the motor of a large scooping machine which had been removing earth from the top of the shaft.

The well, believed to be one of the largest in the nation, had sent a flame 150 feet into the air on Friday. It blew itself out yesterday in a freak occurrence that still has not been fully explained.

Paul (Red) Adair, a fire-fighting expert flown here from Texas to extinguish the flame, said the new one seemed "larger" than the first.

Adair said he will attempt to blow out the flame tomorrow with 100 quarts of solid nitroglycerine. Then an attempt will be made to seal the well with a cap capable of withstanding 10,000 pounds of pressure per square inch.

GOP Candidate



Harold E. Stassen

County Records 3-Inch Snowfall

Three inches of snow fell in Centre County over the weekend, the first heavy fall since Dec. 21 when 3.5 inches were recorded.

The storm, which struck the County Saturday afternoon, brought more snow than had been anticipated. Dr. Charles Hosler, meteorologist at the College weather station, said yesterday.

Though only three inches were recorded at the College, up to eight inches fell in the mountains where the snow turned to rain later than it did in the lowlands.

The storm added .6 of an inch to the precipitation total for the month.

In January only 1.08 inches of snow were reported, one inch of which fell in one day. The average snowfall for February is 10.7 inches, but last year only 4.5 inches fell.

UMT Program Said to Save Billions Yearly

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18—(P)—The House armed services committee today claimed full implementation of a Universal Military Training program eventually would save the taxpayers 13 billion dollars a year.

By full implementation, Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) said in a statement, he means the training annually of 800,000 youths. Vinson said the statement was concurred in by the armed services committee.

The huge annual claimed saving in the cost of the military establishment is contingent upon a reduction of 1,700,000 in the size of the armed forces. That would mean a standing force of 2,000,000 men, with a ready-reserve of 2,500,000 men in a drill-pay status, and 800,000 youths receiving military training annually under UMT. The big reserve would feed through UMT.

Since there are no present plans to train 800,000 youths annually under UMT or to cut the armed services to 2,000,000 men, the projected saving of as much as 13 billions would not accrue until some future year.

Vinson made public his figures as he prepared to take to the House floor next week a bill providing a starter on UMT.

Quarterdeck Society To Elect Officers

The Quarterdeck Society will hold its monthly meeting at 8 p.m. tonight in the Navy wardroom, Engineering E., Frederick Rodgers, commanding officer, announced yesterday.

Election of officers and a proposed amendment to the society's constitution are scheduled.

Reds Delay Truce Delegations Meeting

MUNSAN, Korea, Tuesday, Feb. 19—(P)—The Communists played a waiting game Monday, delaying until today a full-dress meeting of the main armistice delegations while pressing for direct Russian participation in Korean truce supervision.

A plenary session of the main armistice delegation was called off Sunday without explanation and re-scheduled for 10 a.m. today (8 p.m. Monday, EST) in Panmunjom.

It was possible both sides could reach final agreement on recommendations to concerned governments for a high-level political conference after the armistice is signed.

The U.N. command accepted the Red proposal for a post-truce peace conference but added a qualifying statement restricting the talks to strictly Korean matters.

The Communists may accept this today or make an explanatory statement of their own. The Reds also could move that their proposal go into the record as the final settlement.

This could leave it up to the governments themselves to interpret the Red proposal which calls for the conference to consider "withdrawal of all foreign forces from Korea, the peaceful settlement of the Korea question, et cetera." The Allies questioned the words "et cetera."

The dispute over Russian participation in neutral teams to inspect and supervise the truce first developed Sunday. The Reds proposed Poland and Czechoslovakia also match the three Allied proposed neutrals—Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.

Allied negotiators agreed to Po-

French Diplomat



Robert Schuman

Steps Taken To Patch NATO Riff

LONDON, Feb. 18—(P)—The Big Three foreign ministers and West Germany's Chancellor Konrad Adenauer took two big steps today toward preventing German pride and French prejudice from wrecking the Western defense buildup.

Informed sources said the four-power talks, which continued far into the night, ended with plans by Britain, France and the United States to meet French demands for guarantees that German participation in a European army would not mean the rebirth of German militarism.

French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman also was said to have agreed to negotiate a settlement of the Franco-German row over the future of the rich Saar basin. Adenauer is believed to have assured Schuman, U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden that he will take part in such negotiations. Settlement of the dispute is one of Germany's conditions for joining the proposed European army.

Official spokesmen said the ministers made "some progress" on several issues confronting them. But they also left several questions unsettled.

The outcome of the London talks could break a political logjam in Paris, where the government of premier Edgar Faure faces a vote of confidence on the European army issue tomorrow, and in Lisbon, where top-level conferences are paving the way for the opening Wednesday of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) council.

One good sneeze can send 20,000 infection-laden droplets shooting as far as 12 feet at a speed of 150 feet per second. After half an hour, 4000 of them will still be in the air.

Hoover Asks Civil Service Reforms

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18—(P)—Former President Herbert Hoover tonight called on Congress for civil service reforms to remove what he called the "humiliation" of "sickening conduct" by federal officials.

Addressing a national conference of persons supporting the government reorganization proposals which his bi-partisan commission handed Congress three years ago, Hoover declared:

"Surely the nation has a right to a better system of choice and management of its employees than one which has produced these months of humiliation."

Can't Ignore Exposures

The 77-year-old Hoover said in a speech prepared for the citizens committee for the Hoover report, sponsor of the one-day meeting, that:

"No one can ignore the flood of exposures of less than sacred honor or real patriotism by employees in many agencies of the government during these recent years."

"Daily, Congress and grand juries are turning up sickening conduct of federal civil officials."

Recommended in 1948

"These exposures can mean only one thing: that our method of selection and organization of federal employes is badly at fault somewhere."

Had the commission's recommendations for a stronger career service system been enacted promptly in 1948, Hoover declared, "they would have saved great grief to our country."

These proposals, many of which are contained in a bill passed by the Senate last October but not yet acted on in the House, would remove from politics many government jobs, including collectors of internal revenue.

Minors Picked Up In Raid on Spa

At least six minors were picked up in a raid made on the Spa restaurant Friday night by 13 agents of the Liquor Control Board and several State College policemen.

John R. Juba, chief of police in State College, reported that the raid was a result of a large number of complaints concerning the presence of minors in drinking establishments in the borough. Juba also said that plans are being made for the checking of other drinking places in the area.

The cases against both the minors and the management will be decided by the liquor board when more information is gathered, Juba added.

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