

Minnesota Test Shows Ike a Strong Second

MINNEAPOLIS, March 19—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower performed political magic with a strong write-in vote in Minnesota's presidential primary Tuesday. He finished a good second to "favorite son" Harold E. Stassen.

Stassen, former Minnesota governor, was expected to take the primary in a walk.

With 3521 of 3769 Minnesota precincts reporting, Eisenhower piled up 106,512 write-ins, compared with 127,630 votes for Stassen, whose name was printed on the ballot.

Eisenhower supporters had modestly campaigned for 50,000 write-ins.

Most political experts feel write-in votes are difficult to obtain in any quantity.

With only 248 widely-scattered

Ports of Entry Compromise Seems Near

MUNSAN, Korea, Thursday, March 20—(AP)—A compromise on ports of entry for a Korean armistice appeared near today. Communist-inspired rumors of a truce by April increased, but Allied officers were skeptical.

There was nothing to support the truce rumors beyond the narrowing of the major issues to three—Russia's nomination as a neutral truce inspector, exchange of prisoners, and an Allied demand for a ban on military airfield construction.

Red Newsmen Optimistic

Rumors of a truce by mid-April stemmed from statements by communist propaganda correspondents outside the faded conference tents of Panmunjom.

The Red newsmen intimated that this optimism was the view of the communist armistice delegation, but they offered no hint nor explanation as to their motives for planting the rumors. However, in the past, hints by communist correspondents sometimes have foreshadowed official Red moves in the negotiations.

SEOUL, Korea, Thursday, March 20—(AP)—U.S. Sabre jets sent two Russian-built MIGs limping back to Manchuria Wednesday after a brief dual in the sun high over northwest Korea.

Overnight rainstorms limited action on the battlefield, but two sharp skirmishes developed from communist patrol thrusts along the Nam River in eastern Korea. Seven Reds were killed and an undetermined number wounded.

In Washington, the Defense Department announced U.S. battle casualties thus far in the war had reached 106,671—an increase of 213 since last week. The increase included 47 killed in action.

Strike --

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of state laws which compel the dismissal of state employees who strike, Callahan said that according to James L. McDevitt, president of the State Federation of Labor, "the Pennsylvania State College is not an instrument of state government, but a state-aided institution. The funds allocated by the legislature are dispensed by a group commonly known as the board of trustees, a non-profit corporation, and a land-grant college.

"Therefore, we of the union feel there is considerable doubt that Act No. 492 applies to the employees of this union."

Callahan continued: "We are not under the restraint of any existing labor legislation and are free to take any action without the fear of penalties applicable to state employees."

Callahan stated that this interpretation had been obtained by McDevitt from the state attorney general.

Merchants Warned About Con Man

The State College Area Chamber of Commerce has issued a warning to merchants that a man under the name of "John Cook" has been falsely posing as a representative of the Globe Ticket Company of New England.

The man has been obtaining deposits on orders for tickets from restaurants and other businesses which use tickets of any kind. He was described as weighing about 185 pounds standing five feet, ten inches, with reddish brown hair, and a ruddy complexion.



Harold E. Stassen

and sparsely populated precincts not reported; the Associated Press ended its unofficial tabulation of the vote.

The last recorded figures—coming mostly from rural areas—showed Eisenhower was slumping slightly. With 3060 of the precincts in, the General had 37.93 per cent of the entire Republican primary vote, compared with 43.93 for Stassen. With 3521 precincts reported, Eisenhower's percentage had slipped to 37.25 and Stassen's gained to 44.64.

Stassen won the 25 Republican national convention delegates at stake in the primary, but there was an indication Eisenhower backers would try to take them away.

Rumors Say WSB OK's Steel Benefits

WASHINGTON, March 19—(AP)—Public members of the Wage Stabilization Board reportedly agreed late today that CIO steel workers should be allowed benefits amounting to 18 to 20 cents an hour.

The WSB hasn't voted yet—it's in a meeting which may last all night.

The attitude of the public members of the board was disclosed by a person in a position to know but who can not be identified.

Six members of the board represent industry, six represent steel, and six the public.

It's the public members' views that are most important since a union normally wants to get as much as possible and industry wants to give as little as possible.

The union has asked for an 18½ cent wage boost plus other benefits that add up to a total of 35 cents an hour or more.

There was no indication as to how the reported 18 to 20 cent boost would be split between straight wages and other benefits.

The WSB plans to meet all night, if necessary, because it must.

A strike of 650,000 men has been set for midnight Sunday. But there was cautious optimism that the union, headed by Philip Murray, would agree to a postponement.

Nathan Feinsinger, wage board chairman, has asked for a delay at least until April 8.

In spite of this, some big steel companies in Pittsburgh went ahead with their plans to start

Truckers Hit Weight Limit Law

SOMERSET, Pa., March 19—(AP)—About 300 independent truckers, voted today to halt truck traffic in protest against Pennsylvania's 45,000-pound weight limit.

Center of the dispute is Pennsylvania's current 45,000-pound total weight limit on loaded trucks. Trucking interests say the limit is lower than both Ohio and New York and that as a result they are losing revenue on New York-Ohio hauls.

New York and Ohio are separated by a 45-mile wide corner of Pennsylvania jutting up to Lake Erie, and Pennsylvania maintains seven truck weighing stations along U.S. route 20 through this area.

Fuel was added to the fire this year when Gov. John S. Fine vetoed a measure of the Pennsylvania legislature to increase the limit to 60,000 pounds.

Laird Bruner, business agent for the United Truckers association, declared:

"We don't want to see any trucks on the highway at midnight."

The association, which took over organization of the protest, walk-out today, voted to dispatch groups of pickets to all parts of the state to set up blockades and ask other truckers to join in the campaign.

Bruner said owner-operations in Pennsylvania and outside the state have been contacted and the majority indicated willingness to back the protest.

Players Set Tryouts

Tryouts for acting parts in "She Stoops to Conquer," Players' next Schwab Auditorium play, will be from 7:15 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, in 1 Main Engineering building.

Senate Committee Raps Rearmament Program

WASHINGTON, March 19—(AP)—A Senate "watchdog" committee, sharply critical of the nation's limited rearmament program, said tonight the program has produced "a small number of guns and a great amount of butter, with a considerable number of lollipops thrown in."

The Senate armed services preparedness subcommittee, headed by chairman Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.), in an annual report deplored the "apathy" of some government agencies, asserting the slogan seems to be "don't disturb the civilian economy."

The committee said it was "deeply disturbed over the lack of perspective as to the great danger that confronts the nation."

"Basically it is a question of ferreting out examples of careless squandering and then working with the armed forces to emphasize the vital need for efficiency and economy," the report said.

"It is not an easy task to change the deeply ingrained attitudes of military men who, for centuries, have operated on the theory that cost is not a compelling consideration. Nevertheless, unless the fat can be cut away from our military muscle the nation may some day face the choice of reducing its defense program regardless of need or going bankrupt."

The committee said "deliveries on defense hard goods—planes, tanks, ammunition, and guns—had fallen dangerously behind schedule; so much so that the chances of reaching the minimum preparedness targets within the time set by our military planners seemed remote."

"Through the maze of factors contributing to such delays one basic cause stood out. This was the failure of our responsible officials to make immediate defense hard-goods production the top claimant upon our industrial capacity."

Colleges in Pa. List 10% Drop In Enrollment

HARRISBURG, March 19—(AP)—The number of college students in Pennsylvania fell off 10 per cent in 1951 compared to the previous year, the public instruction department said today.

Superintendent Francis B. Haas gave no reason for the drop but other department aides said it was due in a large part to a decline in GI student enrollments.

In the fall of 1951, there were 96,789 full-time students and 37,350 part-time students compared to 107,318 full-time and 41,659 part-time in 1950.

Student registrations over the nation in the corresponding period dropped about 7.8 per cent, Haas said.

State teachers colleges showed the greatest drop—from 12,197 in 1950 to 10,508 in 1951.

Dr. Haas said "a wholesome trend" was shown in medical college enrollment which went up 10 per cent last year in comparison to 1950.

Eden Proposes Remodeling of Europe Council

PARIS, March 19—(AP)—British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden today formally proposed to remodel the Council of Europe into an international agency capable of coordinating smaller units like the Schuman coal-steel pool plan. Britain is not a member of the Schuman plan.

At the same time, Eden threatened to pull Britain out of the council if its basic statute is altered to give it federal or quasi-federal powers.

Eden made these statements to the council's committee of foreign ministers in his first appearance as a member of that body. The ministers representing 14 Western European nations plus Saar Premier Johannes Hoffman opened their tenth session late today in the French foreign ministry. The meeting was closed, but officials gave details later to newsmen through a spokesman.

Before Eden spoke, the ministers adopted an annex to the council's plan for a European supreme court to protect basic liberties in the 15 nations. The annex underwrites property, educational, and electoral rights, and these are to be added to guarantees of free speech, freedom of assembly, fair trial, and other basic rights already in the convention.

Officials said the annex will be signed by all the ministers tomorrow.

Germ War Inquiry Seeks Russian Aid

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 19—(AP)—The United States called on Soviet Russia today to give its active support to a proposed Red Cross inquiry into charges the U.S. has used germ warfare in Korea.

Speaking before the 12-nation UN disarmament commission, U.S. delegate Benjamin V. Cohen again denied the charges raised by the communists. He demanded that Soviet delegate Jacob A. Malik state now whether the Soviet Union would aid in an impartial investigation.

Malik took the floor immediately and delivered a blast at the United States for what he called its efforts to block disarmament. He ignored Cohen's request for a direct reply on the proposed germ warfare inquiry.

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