

President's 'D-Day' Decision To End Guessing Game

(Editor's note: As the day for President Eisenhower's decision on a second term approaches, the nation finds itself in a situation without precedent in the history of the Presidency. Here, by Pulitzer Prize winning correspondent, is the first of four stories dealing with various aspects of the decision, the factors by which it will be influenced and the effects it will have on the nation.)

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower is rapidly approaching his personal "D-Day." And for this political capital, it will end a guessing game of unparalleled magnitude.

Eisenhower's decision on whether he can and will run for a second term presumably

awaits only one thing now—the findings in his next physical checkup. For a particular reason, this will be an unusually important examination.

It is purpose is to determine, as accurately as possible, how Eisenhower has stood up under the massive weight of the Presidency after a full month at work. Next Thursday marks the end of this month.

The President's personal physician, Maj. Gen. Howard Snyder, told reporters, "No man who is just 4½ months past a heart attack is in a position yet to determine his own physical fitness. He should have more time—all the time he needs."

Snyder said, however, that he hopes to complete preliminary tests Feb. 13 by the rest of

the examination the next day. Then the President plans to take a brief rest, probably in a secluded forest lodge near Thomasville, Ga.—Eisenhower may work out his decision there—and quickly, "I hope I am not going to dilly dally too long about it," he said.

Some observers in Washington believe he already knows what he is going to do, but others who are close to him are convinced that he has made no decision. The President himself says he has not, and that he will "make the announcement as quickly as a decision is firmly reached in my mind."

Meanwhile, the atmosphere in the capital is electric with speculation and debate, gossip, wishful thinking, rumor and undercurrents of anxiety and expect-



tion. It is very much like the feeling in a courtroom when the jury is about to come in with the verdict.

If there is a majority guess, it is that Eisenhower will not run. But the people who feel that way today usually add, "Last week, I thought just the opposite." So do those who now believe he will run.

When you ask what brought the change of mind, people usually answer, "Well, when he said the other day that—"

Eisenhower has discussed the subject in many ways. "I have to guess as to the next five years... My mind is not fixed to such an extent that it can't be changed... Where does the sense of duty point?... My future life must be regulated."

The remarkable fact is that his political friends and foes both find comfort and reassurance in these remarks.

The Republican interpretation: "In effect, he's saying to the people, 'Here's my condition. Now if you want to vote for me, I'm available.' He's being perfectly honest about the situation."

The Democratic view: "He's made up his mind not to run, and this is paving the way for the announcement."

Everything that happens here now is seized upon and subjected to the closest scrutiny as a possible clue to the great question.

For example, last week the White House asked news photographers to submit portrait pictures of the President, made since his heart attack. The official

portrait was taken before then, and presumably will be replaced now.

Result—a prairie fire of rumor that "They want a new picture to use in the campaign." The White House wasn't commenting.

Never in the history of the Presidency has there been a situation quite like this one. It is normal for a President to play cat-and-mouse with his decision. But in this case, the uncertainties that arise from a heart attack have added the X-factor.

From Washington, the hopes and anxieties spread across the whole of America.

There are the Republicans who hope to get the nomination if Eisenhower does not run. There are the 17 GOP Senators,

the 16 governors, and the 203 Republican Congressmen who come up for reelection this year, and would hope to benefit from the President's popularity.

All the way to the courthouse level are thousands of office holders, and would-be office holders, whose future may very well hinge on Eisenhower's decision.

The political arena is not the only affected area. In Wall Street and in business circles generally you hear the same word repeated over and over—"uncertainty." As one analyst puts it:

"We have been running this country by cardiograph for the last four months."

The uncertainty will be disastrous. See **IKES** on page 2-A.

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CRACKDOWN SOUGHT ON WASTE LAW

City Manager Asks For Full Compliance

Tightening of the enforcement machinery of the city's industrial waste ordinance was ordered today.

The order came at a conference with City Manager Henry A. Yancey, who called for a report as soon as practical on definite measures for complete enforcement of the ordinance.

Called to the manager's conference were W. M. Franklin, superintendent of the water department, R. S. Phillips, assistant superintendent, and George Rawlins, design of the city's sewage disposal plants.

After five years of discussion and postponement of enforcement dates, the industrial waste ordinance was ordered into effect last July 1.

DECEMBER MOVE

In December Mr. Yancey called for a crackdown on those plant operators in the Sugar Creek drainage area who are showing no evidence of cooperation in complying with the law.

Of the 29 industrial plants in the eastside drainage area, six have complied with the law, have received approval of their equipment, and are now discharging plant waste into the Sugar Creek sewage outfall.

Five others, Mr. Yancey was informed, are in the process of completing installation of necessary equipment and preparation for discharging waste into the sewerage.

After the conference Mr. Franklin said that detailed studies are continuing of data that has been collected and of developments in the disposal industry.

PROVIDE SURCHARGE

The industrial waste ordinance was framed to provide a surcharge for industrial waste on the basis of the content and type of refuse discharged by each individual plant.

The ordinance was prepared after arrangements were made to increase the scope of the additional facilities at the city's disposal plants in order to receive and dispose of the industrial wastes.

So far these surcharges have not been levied and the imposition of these charges will be part of the enforcement policy soon to be recommended.

Services Chief Resigns Post

WASHINGTON (AP)—Edmund F. Mansure has quit as general services chief in the midst of congressional and administration investigations of his official conduct.

Mansure's resignation—effective on or about next Friday—was announced by the White House, late yesterday.

To replace Mansure, President Eisenhower appointed Franklin G. Plote as acting general services administrator pending Plote's formal nomination to head the government's vast housekeeping operations.

The 66-year-old Floe, a resident of Des Moines, Iowa, now is assistant secretary of defense in charge of procurements and installations.

In his resignation letter, signed "Ed"—Mansure told Eisenhower he was impelled by "personal obligations" to return to private life.

Our Weather

Sunny today. Fair and colder tonight. Generally fair and somewhat warmer tomorrow.

Low tomorrow—35.

Low tomorrow—32.

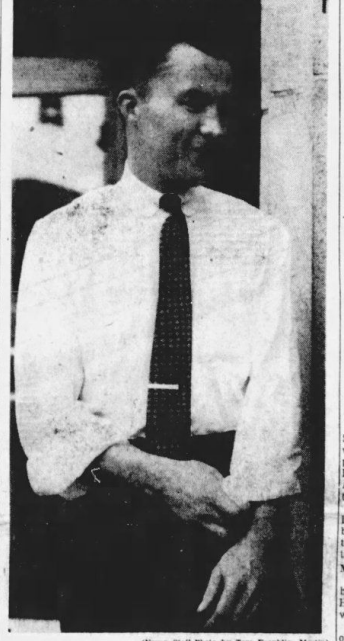
High yesterday—55.

High today—55.

High tomorrow—56.

Sunrise 7:17 a.m.; sunset 5:30 p.m.

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Robert Fox Enjoys Spring Air And Shirtsleeves

Warm Week Predicted

Signs Of Spring Seen In Charlotte

The sun came up on a crystal clear sky today and with the same first hint of spring. You could feel it in the air. Not warm, certainly not cold, the air had all the feel of the coming of balmy days.

There was almost detectable fragrance in the air. Nothing definite. Just a hint.

You could almost hear the coming of spring. An observer at the Weather Bureau said he heard the faint croakings of a breed of small frogs, always a sure sign that spring is on the way.

The weatherman backed up what he heard by predicting a warm week, with no temperature drop expected before weekend.

ABOVE NORMAL

The temperature should average from two to four degrees above normal the rest of the week. A low of 32, just three under today's 35 is forecast for morning, but a 33-degree top is seen for today and a 36 tomorrow.

Rain? Well, not today or tomorrow. But the Weather Bureau says there may be a half inch of it.

The six-day rain which turned yards, fields and unpaved streets into quagmires, ended last night. Altogether 2.8 inches fell here, which is almost an inch more than the 1.8 which fell in December and January combined.

Polio Aid Extended

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House has passed a bill extending polio vaccination aid to states until June 30, 1957. The aid authority was due to expire this month. The bill goes to the President.

Building Has Solid Booking Run

Free Coliseum Skating Set Feb. 15

The Charlotte Coliseum is booked every day except one between now and March 20.

There is one open date—Feb. 15. That's when the public will be invited to come in and skate for free.

"That's the only date we had," says building manager Paul Buck. "All the rest of the dates are filled."

But there will be ice skating later. That's definite, he says, though times and prices will be set later. There will be no charge Feb. 15.

Skating hours will be from 6:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. Why not in morning or afternoon? Ask Mr. Buck.

"I wouldn't be anyone out here," he said, "I doubt it will have more than 15 as it is. How many people have skates in

U. S. Will Respect Soviet Balloon Protest

Weather Flights To Be Continued

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles said the United States would be disposed to respect the protests of countries which—like Russia—have objected to flights by American weather balloons over their territory.

At the same time, however, Dulles told a news conference he believes this country has the right to send such balloons anywhere in the world.

MANY RELEASED

Dulles said Russia's protest will be considered in the next day or so. He would not predict precisely what the United States will say.

But Dulles said that thousands of such balloons had been released by the United States in the Pacific, North America and Western Europe. He said they probably have crossed the territories of 20 or 30 countries.

Dulles said he did not know just what international law would apply, but that he thought the whole problem might be the subject for consideration among governments.

Earlier Pentagon officials had indicated they don't intend to stop sending up weather balloons just because the Russians object.

LOCAL MAN BEING HELD IN DRUG CASE

Harry L. Leonard, 56, of Charlotte is being held in the jail at Lenoir under \$2,000 bond charged with illegal possession of barbiturates for the purpose of selling or giving away.

He was arrested Sunday at 1 a. m. at Bethel College of Mercy on Highway 15 by Deputy Sheriff Floyd Probst. Found in Leonard's possession were seven capsules of sodium secenal, 1½ grains of barbiturates.

James Claffee, founder and a head of the colony, called the Lenoir sheriff's office Saturday night after he discovered several of the patients passed out, according to Sheriff Clyde Roberts of Caldwell County.



Shelter House At Bryant Park... It Needs Repairs, But It's Not City's

Blumenthal Owns Park Land

City Tries To Buy Bryant

By DICK YOUNG
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Further efforts to untangle the case of a park that is not a park will be made by officials of the Park & Recreation Commission.

Negotiations will be continued with I. D. Blumenthal for acquisition of a portion of what has been thought to be a part of Bryant Park.

The shelter house, picnic areas and tables and other facilities used for years as part of Bryant Park were erected on land Mr. Blumenthal actually belongs to.

Nobody knew how or when the mistake was made but several years ago it came to light that this part of Bryant Park actually is part of Mr. Blumenthal's holdings at the former Elizabeth Mill property.

Since the opening of a bill to provide a parking lot, construction of the shelter house and picnic facilities were done back

Opening Session Tomorrow

Big Three Begin Middle East Talk

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States, Britain and France will open conferences on the Middle East crisis here tomorrow in an effort to find ways of preventing a new Israel-Arab war.

State Department officials said today that plans for the conference had just been completed. The first session will be held at the department tomorrow under the chairmanship of deputy undersecretary of state Robert Murphy.

President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Eden decided last week the West must take urgent steps to forestall a new war outbreak in the Middle East if possible or suppress it, if necessary.

France was invited to attend talks on the problem, since the three Western powers have acted jointly several years under a 1950 declaration of intention to preserve peace in the Middle East by their actions in or outside the U. N.

All Is Quiet On 'Bama Campus

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP)—The angry mobs which exploded into numerous acts of violence yesterday to win exclusion of a Negro student from University of Alabama classes were missing today as the school went quietly about its business.

Many Alabama State Highway patrolmen were about the campus with nothing to do as news spread in the university board of trustees had elected Luther Lacy, 26-year-old Birmingham secretary, "until further notice."

Miss Lucy did not appear on the campus this morning. Her 8 a. m. class met without incident. A spokesman for her said her future plans are uncertain.

She was admitted to school last week under a federal court order. Disturbances began Friday night, some 12 hours after she attended her first class. Miss Lucy is the first of her race to enter the 125-year-old school.

The disturbances culminated in a wild day of shouting, singing, marching mobs yesterday before the board orders was announced. Police used tear gas in attempting to break up the massed demonstrators.

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Senators Pass Move, 90 To 0

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate today ordered an investigation of whether a proffered \$2,500 campaign donation to Sen. George Francis Case (R-SD) was an effort to influence his vote on the natural gas bill.

The vote was 90-0 with Case voting in the affirmative.

The Senate adopted a resolution by Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.) to create a four-member committee to inquire into the incident.

President Nixon appointed these four members: Sens. George (D-Ga.), Hayden (D-Ariz.), Bridges (R-NH) and Thomas (R-Min.).

The two Democratic members were nominated by Johnson. GOP Leader Everett Jordan (D-Va.) nominated Bridges and Thye.

Johnson, in announcing his selections, said Hayden supported the gas bill and George opposed it.

Of the two Republicans, Bridges voted for the bill and Thye against it.

The group will choose its own chairman.

The resolution directs that the committee make a report to the Senate by March 1.

The committee was given subpoena powers and \$10,000 to finance the investigation.

Johnson told the Senate he doesn't want it said Senators are "hesitant or afraid" to look thoroughly into such matters.

There was no further debate as Johnson moved for an immediate roll call.

When Case's name was called, he asked Sen. George (D-Ga.), who was presiding, whether it was traditional for him to withhold his vote.

George told Case he could vote unless he asked to be excused.

Case then voted "aye." The Senate then voted 90-0.

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Evening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, help us to see the man in the sinner, and seeing him, may we seek to save him through the power of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hodges, Jordan Deny Any Private Roadwork

RALEIGH (AP)—Gov. Hodges and Democratic National Committeeman B. Everett Jordan today denied a charge that they had used their influence to get the state highway commission to do work on a road at a restaurant they own.

The governor said a charge by Mrs. Eva Perry of Norfolk, Va. with reference to the use of political influence is completely untrue. Jordan said if the Highway Commission did any work on the road it was "not known to me or the governor."

Highway Commission Chairman A. H. Graham said he was looking into the charge made by Mrs. Perry in a suit filed in Durham Superior Court and expected to have a statement later.

Hodges said he was perfectly willing for the "State Highway Commissioner in Durham County or anyone else conversant with the facts to comment specifically on the charge." He said "it should be made clear that the alleged incident occurred long before I came into the governor's office."

"I have never, and never will, use public office or political influence in connection with my personal business affairs," Hodges added. "It involves a principle of grave importance and on which I do not take lightly."

Named as defendants in the suit are Hodges, Jordan, B. Everett Jordan and Luther H. Hodges, identified as officers, directors and stockholders of the corporation. Hodges is the governor of the state and Jordan is Democratic national committeeman.

The complaint alleges that Jordan and Hodges "by virtue of their high political standing" had equipment belonging to the State Highway Commission.

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