



Ike Recovering From Emergency Operation 'Most Satisfactory'

MAMIE'S WORRIED... BUT IKE'S NOT

No Interruption Of Duties Seen

By MARVIN ARROWSMITH

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower is recovering "most satisfactorily" from his emergency abdominal operation and White House Press Secretary James Hagerty said today he expects no interruption in the duties of the presidency.

At a 12:25 p.m. (EDT) news conference Hagerty gave reporters the indication that a rapid recovery is expected.

Two hours earlier Hagerty had reported that the President's spirits were good and his morale was high — but declined to give medical details.

He said Eisenhower was sleeping.

The press aide said he expected to "bring some doctors" to his next meeting with reporters, expected about 1:30 p.m., in Walter Reed Army Hospital.

Hagerty told questioners he did not know how long the President would be hospitalized.

The 63-year-old President went under emergency surgery at 2:39 a.m. The four-man team of surgeons finished the operation one hour and 33 minutes later.

The President's doctors relieved what they called a non-emergent intestinal obstruction that was "due to ileitis."

All reports have emphasized that the President's heart is not involved in the new illness. This has been significant in view of the coronary thrombosis which Eisenhower suffered last Sept. 24.

ILLNESS IN DOUBT?
Each report on the President's startling and sudden illness was watched closely for clues to his political future. Whether he might change his mind about seeking a second term remained to be seen.

Eisenhower has insisted up to now that he is able to give. He has promised to let the nation know "instantly" if there was a change in his belief.

Hagerty said there is no change in plans "at this point" for the President to attend the conference of American Presidents at Panama City on June 26 or his meeting with Prime Minister Nehru of India on July 7.

But the acting secretary replied "I don't know" when asked whether there would be any change in plans for the President's scheduled meeting with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of Germany next Wednesday.

Asked whether any plans have been made to turn the President's work load over to other officials, Hagerty said the next bill from Congress which will require his action do not fall due until midnight June 15.

He said the President's duties mean there will be no interruption in the official duties of the presidency.

"I don't anticipate any," he said. "That would be in line with what you would expect."

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Two Quizzed In Bombing

BRADY, Tex. (AP) — B. R. Sheffield, 40, and G. I. Land, 37, were quizzed yesterday for an unusual post-mortem questioning early yesterday by officers investigating yesterday's car bombing of a key national newsman.

Sally McCullum Hill, the lawyer, had been expected to be a principal witness against Sheffield. He suffered abdominal and chest wounds and a broken leg.

The Sheffield's walked into McCullum's office — which has been turned into a headquarters for the investigation — at 11:30 a.m. at 12:40 a.m. Sheffield left and waited outside in the Sheffield car.

After 2 1/2 hours of questioning, Sheffield emerged from the office where Dist. Atty. Bill Allcorn and Texas Ranger Capt. Gully Cowen questioned him.

"I have no promoter to make," he said the land promoter who has been indicted on counts of theft, conspiracy and forgery in the veterans land scandal.

"Well, I'll say it was confusion," said a receptionist out front.

When one reporter walked up to a receptionist, she routinely said "May I help you?" Then she added hastily "oh, you're one of those — take the phone, take everything."

What's Inside

THE ANCIENT HILLS of the Grandfather Mountain region will echo with loud sound come the 24th when the annual singing attract thousands of visitors. The outdoor pageantry is explained on Page 2B.

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Concern Shows On First Lady's Face, But His Grin the Same Few Hours Before Illness. (AP)

Ike's Ailment Termed 'Safest Kind'

Authority Says Outlook Very Good

NEW YORK (AP) — A foremost authority on the ailment affecting President Eisenhower said today "the outlook is very good" for the President's complete recovery in a few weeks.

Dr. Burrill Crohn, the discoverer of the ailment, ileitis, said the President's case was the "most common and safest type," and "the most easily amenable to successful surgery."

"If the operation was successful—and I feel sure it was in this case—the President should be restored to full health, with no diminution of his working efficiency," Dr. Crohn said.

He said the President probably would be confined to bed for about two weeks, and then gradually resume his regular schedule.

Dr. Crohn, of New Milford, Conn., who discovered the disease in 1932, said that the diagnosis of a regional, terminal ileitis—obstruction of Eisenhower's lower small intestine—was the "best type" to cure.

"The man should get entirely well," he said.

He said the terminal, localized ileitis involved only about eight to 12 inches of the longest small intestine, which altogether is 15 feet long.

He said about 80 per cent of the cases of ileitis were of this type.

Surgery removing the short intestinal segment of only a few inches, he said, causes "no impairment of the patient's processes, movement or health in general."

He said that operations of this kind were successful in

65 to 75 per cent of the cases.

Dr. Crohn, speaking by telephone from his home, said the difficult cases were those with "more diffuse involvement" that is, affecting a greater portion of the intestine.

Dr. Crohn, 72-year-old gastroenterologist, discovered the ileitis at New York's Mt. Sinai Hospital where he is on staff.

In Europe, ileitis is known as "Crohn's Disease."

The intestinal obstruction is caused by inflammation and swelling.

He said that the surgeon who headed the team which performed the operation on President Eisenhower, Dr. Isidor Tavdin, is "a very good surgeon."

Dr. Crohn added he felt sure the operation was an access, although he has not been in touch with doctors attending Eisenhower.

He said such recurrences could come in a short time or years later. He said one patient had a recurrence after 21 years.

Asked about the average interval between recurrences, he said he preferred not to give any specific period.

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Market Turns Eye On Capital

NEW YORK (AP)—Stock market investors have a sharp eye on Washington today for a clue to future prices.

President Eisenhower's illness sent prices spinning downward yesterday in the sharpest break since Oct. 10, 1955.

The operation started at 2:30 a.m. EDT. It was ordered by Eisenhower's doctor to find and relieve the cause of a blockage of his small intestine.

Soon after the emergency abdominal surgery began, a few of the scores of newsmen at the hospital drifted out of the hospital's main building, which was the scene of the activity.

In front of the Georgian brick, ivy covered building is a concrete water fountain. Perched on its vantage point, three or four of the reporters started up, through two of the four concrete pillars of the building's facade. There, brightly shining in the early morning darkness was the window on the far side.

It looked almost like a giant television screen. It was on the third floor just off center of the Greek temple-like facade.

A fluorescent light illuminated the operating room. The figures moving about, working under the light, could be clearly made out.

SURGICAL DRESSING
They wore pale blue-green hospital smocks. On their heads were white skull caps. A surgical mask was about the faces.

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I stood on the fountain looking up at the scene, which was less than 100 feet away. The angle of sight was fairly sharp, since my position was only some six feet off the ground and the operating room is on the hospital building's third floor.

Once I saw three of the figures juddered together. Then, two of them moved off to the left, the third raised an arm and gestured in the direction in which the other two moved.

The cool night air felt good to all of us. But as I watched the operation progressing—the angle of sight prevented my seeing the operating table itself—I felt a chill. So I went back into the hubbub of the overheard, smoky filled, paper strewn press headquarters which had been hastily set up inside the building on the main floor.

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Old Doubts Are Revived

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican presidential nomination — and possibly the outcome of the November election — may depend on how long President Eisenhower remains bedfast and how he feels.

An early-morning "exploratory operation" performed today by physicians attending Eisenhower for an intestinal ailment raised again many of the questions the Republicans faced after Eisenhower suffered a heart attack in Denver last Sept. 24.

Eisenhower recovered from the heart attack, said he would accept a second term in the White House.

PROMISED TO TELL
Eisenhower has promised to tell the American people "instantly" any time he felt he was not physically up to the job of the presidency.

Already Eisenhower has 960 of the 1,323 Republican national convention votes listed for him, with 70 more held for him by favorite sons. He needs only 667 for renomination.

All potential GOP candidates had been put in cold storage until now.

But if Eisenhower should bow out of the race, the scramble for the GOP nomination would be intense. The President, of course, could indicate his own choice of a Republican standard bearer and thus automatically push one aspirant to the fore.

But even a presidential designation of a favorite candidate would not necessarily settle the matter. For instance, few would expect Eisenhower to give the nod to Sen. Knowland of California, the Senate's GOP leader. Similarly, no one would expect Knowland to let the nomination go to any non-party member without the strongest kind of effort to get it himself.

NIXON ON LIST
If Eisenhower should decide to step out, he might name several men acceptable to him. Vice President Nixon would be certain to be on any such list in the light of all the praise the President has given to his No. 2 man.

Even if Eisenhower declined to indicate any choice, Nixon's strong position with the national Republican organization would make him a top contender.

Beyond Nixon and Knowland, several Republicans are credited with presidential possibilities. They include Gov. Christian Herter of Massachusetts; Paul G. Hoffman, former foreign aid administrator; Secretary of the Treasury, Charles E. DeWey of New York.

Democrats joined Republicans in expressing hope for a quick Eisenhower recovery.

Adlai E. Stevenson, who looks like the top contender for the Democratic presidential nomination after his primary defeat in Sen. Estes Kefauver in California, said he shares "the concern of everyone and their hope that the president will recover speedily and completely."

"HOPE AND PRAY"
Kefauver said "I certainly do hope and pray the President is not seriously ill."

Gov. Averell Harriman of New York, named by Stevenson as his chief rival for the Democratic nomination, said Eisenhower "has my prayers and good wishes for recovery."

But it seemed obvious that if Eisenhower doesn't run again, Democrats will have a considerably better chance of winning the November election.

'Scalped' Girl Gets Hair Back

WARRENTON (AP) — Doctors grafted a little girl's hair back on the head after she was "scalped" yesterday by a Doberman pinscher dog.

The dog, described by the girl's father as a "vicious animal," attacked 11-year-old Linda Harder as she and a playmate, Ginger Tucker, were playing with it on a neighbor's front porch.

Ginger said Linda "petted the dog" and "all of a sudden he jumped on her and pulled her off the porch." The dog sank his teeth in Linda's scalp and dragged her around the yard, she added. A passerby held the animal with a chair until he released the child.

Doctors grafted an eight-inch circle of scalp back on Linda's head. It was found in the yard after the attack.

Evening Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that we may not close the window of our soul against the sunshine of Christ's love and presence. By communion with Him, may we be so uplifted in thought and ennobled in purpose that we may show forth in our life and work His beauty and His grace, and be His witnesses wherever we live and in whatever we do. May it be so. For His name's sake. Amen.

Press Aide Hagerty Holds Open-Air News Meet at Army Hospital (AP)

