

Eisenhower Voices Confidence For Army Secretary

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—President Eisenhower yesterday declared his confidence in the honesty and integrity of Secretary of the Army Stevens.

He said he believes Stevens, and believes in him, in the secretary's blazing row with Sen. McCarthy R-Wis.

Sharply calling for an end to what he termed petty quarrels and hysterical reaction to such things as "unwise investigators," Eisenhower said it's possible Stevens may be mistaken or misinformed on some points.

But he asserted with vigor that if he didn't believe Stevens, the Army secretary wouldn't be where he is. He underlined it by saying he stands by Stevens so far as his integrity and honor are concerned.

McCarthy, off for Chicago for a speech, said only that forth-coming public hearings "will demonstrate who is telling the truth."

Eisenhower, with red-faced irritation he made no apparent effort to conceal, made it plain he is sick and tired of controversies such as the one in which Stevens accused McCarthy of putting pressure on the Army and McCarthy accuses the Army of trying to "blackmail" him.

The trouble is, said Eisenhower, the world is suffering from "a multiplicity of fears" of the men in the Kremlin and of "unwise investigators" here at home, among other things. What's needed, he snapped, is to stop the name-calling and get ahead with something that is good for the United States—"with a faith in the destiny of America."

The White House allowed part of the President's admonishment to be quoted directly.

Turning up at his news conference in a top-of-the-morning mood, sporting a green St. Patrick's Day tie, Eisenhower swiftly was emphatic and often indignant as he declared:

1. The Democrats are in error—he paused as if he'd rather use a stronger word—when they charge his tax program is loaded in favor of rich people. And he said the people who want to cut income taxes now are the same ones who wouldn't let him raise the national debt limit a few months back.

2. A president should be impeached or even hanged if he failed

to take instant action to repel any aggression against the United States. It's up to Congress to declare war, Eisenhower said, but you can't wait for a declaration when an attack is imminent.

3. He doesn't like the "new look" term which has been widely applied to his administration's defense policy. It's nothing but a carefully worked out approach to the dangers of the atomic age, he said, and to call it revolutionary or sudden is "just not true—just not true."

4. Army officials are hurt even when they're justly criticized, and when the criticism is unjust they feel a mixture of anger, resentment and sadness. This was in reply to a question about the effect of McCarthy-type investigations on armed service morale.

Eisenhower said he'd been thinking of asking this very morning if there couldn't be one news conference without a certain name—plainly he meant McCarthy—coming up. The President was chuckling as he left the room.

The McCarthy-Stevens controversy came up when Martin Hayden of the Detroit News asked if the President was "disturbed" about the senator's charge-termed "fantastic" by Stevens—that the Army made threats against McCarthy's investigating subcommittee and tried to switch the inquiry to the Navy and Air Force.

Frowning, Eisenhower said of course he is disturbed.

He went on to say he has to plead constantly for positive action to get people's minds off petty quarrels—off the negative ray.

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Oil Driller Dies in Car, Truck Mishap

HENRIETTA, March 17—(AP)—L. T. Burns, Sr., 60, Wichita Falls oil operator who drilled more than 5,000 wild-cat wells, was killed early yesterday.

His car collided with a trailer-truck on U.S. 287, about a mile west of here. Burns was returning home from one of his leases in Clay County.

Henry Powell, 39, Dallas, employe of Red Ball Motor Freight Lines, drove the truck and escaped injury. Powell said he saw Burns' car edging over the center stripe of a curve as if the driver had gone asleep. The car hit the rear part of the trailer.

Burns' associates said he probably had drilled more wildcats than any other man in the United States.

Not To Be Found

Alice Left Without Judge

ALICE, March 18—(AP)—"Where's the judge?"

The question buzzed through this South Texas town yesterday after the Supreme Court removed 79th District Judge Woodrow Laughlin. Laughlin, 48, wasn't to be found in his chambers or at his home. He had been due in court at 10 a. m. but failed to appear.

The only indication that the chubby Laughlin might be around somewhere came at 11:15 a. m. At that moment an order to jurors in a civil case—bearing Laughlin's signature—was delivered to Sheriff Halsey Wright.

His Last Order
The order told jurors to report back in court at 2 p. m. tomorrow. It was believed Laughlin's last official act, since the court ruled he must step down as of noon today.

Laughlin got elected in 1952 with the support of South Texas political boss George Parr. His term was to expire in 1956.

Asked about the Laughlin case in his office at nearby San Diego, Parr said: "I'd rather not comment until I know more about it."

Asked whether he might back Laughlin again for district judge, Parr said, "That would be up to the people to decide."



FOR PINALLE—Miss Corland Thurman will sing tomorrow night for the Rue Pinalle show. Miss Thurman is a student at Stephen F. Austin high school in Bryan.

Baker, Boriskie Named Battalion Co-Editors

Harri Baker and Robert (Bob) Boriskie were elected yesterday acting co-editors of The Battalion. They were elected in a special election called by the Student Life Committee to fill vacancies left when the former co-editors resigned Feb. 22.

The balloting was as follows:

Corps: Baker, 151; C. C. Neighbors, 135.

Non-corps: Boriskie, 71; Jon Kinslow, 52.

The newly elected men will take

office Monday, said Carl Jobe, present acting editor and assistant manager of student publications.

"This will give the men time to choose their staff," he said.

Baker has been a member of the Battalion staff three years. He is a junior journalism major from Memphis, Tenn. He has served as city editor and campus editor.

Boriskie, also a junior journalism major, has worked for The Battalion two years. He is from Bryan. Last year he was sports editor, and he served this year as sports editor and news editor.

The acting editors will serve until editors elected in the spring election take office in May.

About 50 ballots were mutilated, said Pete Hardesty, advisor to the election commission. Only 409 votes were cast in the election.

Fogaley Conducts Training Courses

A. J. Fogaley of the Texas Engineering Extension Service, a part of the Texas A&M College System, is conducting area fire prevention schools in four Northwest Texas towns for 54 firemen. The schools began February 22 and will continue through March 22. The firemen will receive 15 hours of training.

Schools are being conducted in Cedar Hill, Duncanville, Cockrell Hill and Irving.

Committee Approves Raises For Teachers

Bill Would Increase Minimum Pay to \$402

AUSTIN, March 17 (AP)—A bill to raise the minimum pay scale of Texas school teachers \$402 per year won unanimous approval of the Senate Education Committee yesterday, without a word of opposition.

The special Legislature's main issue, teachers' pay raises and revision of public school finances, thus won its first test in effortless fashion.

Senators questioning sponsors of the bill appeared chiefly concerned because the bill does not guarantee a \$402 increase to every teacher. Sen. Ottis Lock, Lufkin, co-sponsor of the bill with Sen. A. M. Aikin Jr., Paris, said the compromise group which worked out the measure did not attempt to set a salary scale but only to raise the minimum \$402.

Fee Deadline Is Friday

Third installment fees are now payable at the fiscal office.

The deadline for payment is Friday. Students paying fees after this date will be charged one dollar for each day after the deadline that they pay their fees.

Fees must be paid by 5 p. m. Friday to avoid penalty.

El Paso Paper Plans Motion On Libel Suit

EL PASO, March 17—(AP) The El Paso Herald-Post plans to file a motion to set aside a District Court jury's \$25,000 award in Mayor Fred Hervey's \$125,000 libel suit.

The jury awarded \$20,000 actual and \$5,000 exemplary damages Tuesday. The suit was based on a report on the city's 65-year-old retirement rule.

The verdict held the article was "substantially" untrue and that publication was indicative of "malice" toward the mayor.

R. E. Cunningham, the newspaper's attorney, said "if a judgment is entered on the basis of the verdict, we will appeal." He said "conflict" of jury answers, commenting on asserted adverse nature of the articles, "were of such nature as to make entry of a judgment in favor of the mayor impossible."

Gentry Traps Bobcat

A bobcat was trapped and shot by Bob Gentry early Tuesday morning on the Texas A&M Poultry Farm.

The cat, about the size of a fox, was the first bobcat found in the history of the Poultry Farm, according to Mr. Gentry.

Most Texas Areas In Need of Rain

AUSTIN, March 18—(AP)—Everybody in Texas needs rain except in a few local areas of East Texas and the upper coast counties.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture said Texas had everything last week to hurt crops—high temperatures, strong winds and no rain, and then low temperatures.

Dry weather and blowing sand hurt wheat but the report said only a small acreage has blown out so far.

Cotton planting was slow, waiting for rain and warmer nights. Peach and plum prospects were hurt by freezes. Nothing was good for vegetables.

Livestock were in fair to good condition, but feeding continued in West Texas. Most of the state has ample stock water.

People around here appeared surprised by news that the Supreme Court had held Laughlin unfit to hold office. The ruling was not unexpected. Still, ordinary townspeople and political leaders

showed surprise. Mrs. Laughlin patiently answered telephone calls at her home here.

The emotional strain showed only in her voice. She told callers simply, "The judge is out. I'll take your number."

Chon Pena of San Diego, court interpreter appointed by Laughlin, bade goodbye to District Clerk J. L. Carlisle Jr. and left the court house here just before noon.

"If the judge goes, I go," Pena said.

In Alice and Duval County, "No comment" about summed up public statement of Laughlin partisans. Dist. Atty. Raeburn Norris, who entered office on the same Parr-backed ticket with Laughlin, smiled but said nothing.

Feeling was reported general among Laughlin's friends that he will seek re-election. The court interpreter said, "The judge will be re-elected."

Floyd Sees Justice
Mrs. F. H. Canales of Benavides, chairman of the Old Party Parr Assn. of Woman Voters, would not say whether the removal might affect plans of her group to visit Gov. Shivers in Austin Friday, the

Representative Asks for Report Publication

AUSTIN, March 17 (AP)—An El Paso representative demanded today full publication of the report of an investigating committee on allegations of misconduct among certain El Paso officials.

Rep. Anita Blair told the House "political chicanery" had been used to keep El Paso newspapers from publishing the report.

"We've got some public officials out in El Paso who are afraid to have their records scrutinized," she said.

The House authorized appointment of the investigating committee last year after an El Paso woman in prison made affidavits alleging gambling payoffs of certain officials. The woman, Mrs. Pearl Johnson, was convicted of murder in the death of her infant child. A committee headed by Rep. Joe Pool of Dallas made the investigation and recommended that the district attorney of Walker County, where Mrs. Johnson is serving her prison sentence, look into the charges.

Miss Blair said she contended Judge Roy Jackson of El Paso was biased and "trying to retaliate against the publicity given to those conducting the investigation" in his disposal of a libel suit in El Paso.

A resolution commending the legislative record of Rep. Stanley Caufield, El Paso, was introduced by Rep. A. D. Downer and others. It was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

Downer's resolution said Caufield is now ill in Memorial Hospital at Corpus Christi with a serious heart ailment and unable to defend himself against attacks by "certain people and groups of people and certain publications."

The committee which investigated Mrs. Johnson's charges adopted a resolution, separate from its main report last December, asking the El Paso Bar Assn.'s Grievance Committee to explain its actions in investigating Caufield.

McIlroy Addresses Several Meetings

W. W. McIlroy, member of the Agricultural Education Department, at Texas A. and M. College, who recently returned from India, spoke to several groups during the past two weeks while visiting in vocational agricultural departments where student practice teachers were working.

He talked to the Independent Dairymen's Association of Tyler on the Point IV Program as it operates in India, and to the Willis Point Rotary Club on the same subject, to Future Farmers at Bowie and Whitesboro on the opportunities for young men in the field of agriculture and also on the foreign aid program of the United States.

A series of slides showing results of technical aid to India were used in the talks on the Point IV Program.

Weather Today



OCCASIONAL RAIN
Light rain showers and thunderstorms today and tonight. Clearing tomorrow. High yesterday 60. Low this morning 54.

Shriners Set Benefit Dance For Hospital

In the ball room of Memorial Student Center on Friday evening members of the Brazos Valley Shrine Club will sponsor a benefit dance with an inspiration which should hold the heart interest of every one.

The Ball is given annually by Shrine clubs to boost funds for the Arabia Temple Crippled Children's Hospital in Houston where presently there are fifteen crippled children from this area receiving treatment.

The sponsoring club has members from College Station, Bryan, Navasota, Caldwell and Anderson who are working toward making the ball a great success, both socially and financially.

Tickets for the affair may be obtained from any Shriner in the various towns and from convenient locations in downtown Bryan.

Music will be furnished by the Aggieband Orchestra and dancing will be enjoyed from 9 to 12 p. m. Of interest to the community is the fact that any underprivileged child who is under fourteen years of age, regardless of color or creed, is eligible for treatment in the Arabia Crippled Children's Hospital. Any one desirous of giving names of children under this eligible classification or information about the Benefit Ball may call G. W. Schlesselman, chairman of the Benefit Drive.

It's For the Birds

CLIFTON, Tex., March 18—(AP) Sheriff Clark Royal said today about \$1,000 worth of parakeets were stolen from the home of Luther Dyess while he was away from home yesterday. The thieves took about 125 blue and green birds.