



CHERRY BLOSSOM QUEEN—Carolyn Drigotas of Auburn, Me., is crowned 1958 Cherry Blossom Queen by motion picture actor William Bendix at the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D. C. The crowning highlighted a week of festivities in celebrating the annual Cherry Blossom Festival.

Farm Measure Vetoed Today By Eisenhower

WASHINGTON (UP)—President Eisenhower today vetoed a bill to freeze farm price supports and acreage allotments at last year's levels.

The bill, strongly endorsed by many farm state Republican and Democratic members of Congress, was an attempt to block cutbacks ordered and planned by Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson.

Supporters of the measure have conceded they do not have the votes needed to override the President's veto. A two-thirds majority in both houses is necessary to override a veto.

The bill sought to freeze all 1958 price supports and 1959 planting allotments at not less than 1957 levels. This would have reversed cuts ordered by Benson for nine farm commodities, including dairy products, wheat, rice, beans and several feed grains. It also would have prevented 1959 acreage cuts for cotton and rice.

The President, in rejecting the congressional move, again defended his controversial agriculture secretary.

The President said that "what the farm economy needs is a thaw rather than a freeze."

List Bill's Consequences

"Improvements have been made in farm legislation in recent years," he said. "The keys to these improvements have been expansion of markets and greater opportunity for our farm people to exercise their own sound judgment."

He proposed to further these aims with a five-point program of his own. He said many farm problems could be alleviated if Congress acted on the proposals which he set forth in his special farm message to Congress last Jan. 16.

The President said the vetoed bill would have had "such consequences as these":

1. It would pile up more farm products in government warehouses.
2. It would restrict the growth of markets.
3. It would postpone the day when agriculture would be released from the straight-jacket of controls.
4. It would by-pass the problems of the small operator who produces so little for sale that price supports have scant meaning.
5. It would hold up the needed transition to modern parity and would in fact disregard the parity principle.
6. It would be unfair to those winter wheat growers who signed up under the 1958 acreage reserve program with the understanding that price supports which had been announced would be the effective rates.

State Trooper Hurt When Car Hits Tree

WABASH — A State Police Trooper Fred Biggs, 25, Wabash, swerved his patrol car Sunday to avoid hitting a car pulling out into Ind. 13 in Urbana. The state police car skidded broadside into a tree but Biggs escaped with bruises caused by his safety belt. The trooper was traveling to the scene of another accident which injured two persons.

Ike May Wait Until May For Any Tax Cuts

No Tax Decision Expected From Ike For Several Weeks

WASHINGTON (UP)—President Eisenhower may wait until late May before submitting any tax cut plans to Congress, high administration officials said today.

Some quarters expected the President to come up with tax cutting plans soon after Congress returns April 14 from its Easter recess. But key officials charged with preparing the administration anti-recession program told the United Press this is highly unlikely. Presidential economic adviser Gabriel Hauge said Sunday night he did not expect a tax decision for "several weeks."

The President and his advisers anticipate that statistics to be announced in mid-April will show the slump continued its downward pace in March, but at a slower rate than previously.

April conditions, to be reflected in figures announced in May, were expected to show some signs of improvement. This could reduce some of the pressure for a relatively big tax cut.

Hauge, interviewed on "Meet the Press" (NBC) said the "overall" business trend is still downward but the slump is "beginning to run out of steam" and should end between April 1 and July 1. He said that if this occurs there should be "clear signs" of an upturn in the fall.

Economists have repeatedly stressed the long-run effects of tax reduction. They point to the difficulty of getting Congress to raise taxes again in 1959 or 1960 just before the next presidential election.

Advisers also are concerned about possible renewed inflation in 1960. 1961 and 1962 if taxes are down and the full impact of heavy federal spending hits the economy. Influential officials were talking increasingly against an across-the-board cut in individual income taxes.

Holy Week Services At Lutheran Church

Special Services Planned At Church

The passion and death of Jesus Christ will be observed with three Holy Week worship services at Zion Lutheran church, West Monroeville and Eleventh streets. A guest speaker, the Rev. Wilfred J. Schneider, chaplain of the Fort Wayne Lutheran hospital, will preach the sermon at the Maundy Thursday vespers, which begins at 7:30 o'clock. "Christ's Surpassing Love," based on I John 4, 19, will be the theme of his message. The Maundy Thursday vespers, commemorating the night in which the Savior was betrayed and in which He instituted the sacrament of His Holy Supper, will be observed with the celebration of the sacrament. Chaplain Schneider will assist the pastor, the Rev. Edgar P. Schmidt.

Two services of worship will be conducted on Good Friday, at 12:30 p. m. and 7:30 in the evening. The mid-day worship is Zion church's contribution to a holy hour in the period between noon and 3 o'clock. The Lutheran service will last from 12:30 to almost 2 o'clock and will center about the reading of the complete history of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ as compiled from the four Gospels.

The readings by the pastor are interspersed with appropriate hymns and prayers. The children of the Saturday Bible school will sing: "Jesus, Tender Savior," by John Dykes, and "Go to Dark Gethsemane," by Redhead. "The quiet sacredness of this reading service has grown in popularity through the years," said the Rev. Mr. Schmidt. "You are invited to come to this service from work, from home, or from shopping, just as you are," he stated.

A second service will be held Good Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, commemorating the death of the world's Savior. This will be a preaching service with Rev. Schmidt occupying his own pulpit. "The Cross—The Doorway To Life" is the sermon theme. This service will feature a special Lenten liturgy—the "Liturgy of the Cross" and the "Lenten Reproaches."

Holy Communion will be celebrated at both the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday evening services.

Confessions will be heard from 2:30 until 4:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon will open the Holy Week schedule for St. Mary's Catholic church. Confessions will continue at 7 p. m. Wednesday.

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Soviet Russia Orders Halt To Its Tests Of All Nuclear Weapons

U.S. Discounts Red Decision To Halt Tests

No Assurance Given Against Cheating On Nuclear Tests Ban

WASHINGTON (UP)—The United States today discounted Russia's decision to halt temporarily its nuclear tests, without waiting for international agreement. The State Department said Russia's action offered the world no assurance against cheating on a test ban.

The department said Russia's unilateral but temporary ban "can be evaded in secrecy and altered at will."

It said the free world should not give up its collective capacity to defend itself merely in exchange for a Soviet promise.

A statement issued by the State Department and approved by President Eisenhower called on Russia to negotiate on disarmament through the United Nations and to stop flouting the world organization.

The Kremlin's move, coming immediately after completion of Russia's latest series of Siberian nuclear tests, was seen by officials here as a move to embarrass the United States, which plans a series of H-bomb and other nuclear tests in the Pacific this spring and summer.

A State Department spokesman said Saturday, in response to a Soviet protest against holding the American tests in a U.N. trust territory, that this country intends to go ahead with them. The department publicly rejected each point in the Soviet note.

There was no reference to the forthcoming U.S. tests in today's State Department statement.

It was prepared in advance and read to reporters about an hour after Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko announced in Moscow Russia's decision temporarily to halt all nuclear weapons testing.

"It is elemental that free nations which want to remain free will not, and should not, forego their indispensable collective capacity to deter and defend against aggression merely in reliance on a Soviet statement of intention for which there is no system of verification, which can be evaded in secrecy and altered at will," the United States said.

"The United States again calls on the Soviet Union to deal with the vital problem of disarmament in an orderly way, in accordance with the U.N. charter, to which the signature of the Soviet Union is affixed."

Handley's Condition Is Reported Good

INDIANAPOLIS (UP)—Physicians at Robert W. Long Hospital reported Governor Handley is "progressing very satisfactorily" following his operation for removal of his gall bladder and correction of a ruptured diaphragm.

Handley submitted to the operation Thursday and was expected to recuperate in about three weeks.

Lenten Meditation

(By Rev. Willis Gierhart, Monroe Methodist Church)

"EVERY MAN A KING"

"Heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ . . ."

— Romans 8:17

The coming of Christ reveals in a special way the infinite value of the human soul. One human soul is worth more than the whole world.

In the light of Christ's gift for us we need to realize the kind of persons that we could become. Christ gave His life for us that we might become children of the Heavenly King. We are heirs of God, yea, joint heirs with Christ—the "King of Kings." If we allow God to accomplish His purpose within us, then we will be living life as it was meant to be lived. God holds us responsible not for what we have but for what we could have, not for what we are but for what we might be.

In this season may each of us be able to say with Paul—"Christ in me." May we become one with Him. Might we realize our inheritance as children of God and brothers and sisters of the Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

Sen. Kennedy Scores Lack Of Leadership

Hoosier Democrats Hear Sen. Kennedy

INDIANAPOLIS (UP)—Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) says the nation "may still prevent a complete economic disaster."

He told 1,500 Hoosier Democrats who paid \$25 a plate at a Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner Saturday night the "disaster" will be headed off "only if we can obtain effective, imaginative, tireless leadership."

"That kind of leadership is sorely lacking in this administration," said Kennedy.

Kennedy predicted the result will be "the greatest Democratic year since 1936."

The youthful senator said the Republican administration has let "fall the reins of leadership" and a Democratic Congress now "must exercise that leadership."

Legislation For Jobs

Kennedy said legislation must be used in the current recession which is "approaching the crisis stage."

"We must restore the vitality of our anti-recession weapons—minimum wages, social security, jobless insurance," he said. "We must restore the purchasing power of our hard-pressed farmers and businessmen. We must build the public works our nation needs—schools, homes, hospitals, recreation projects, power dams, urban renewal."

Kennedy saved special barbs for Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson.

"Congress this month revolted against the negative policy of Secretary Benson," said Kennedy. "We passed a measure prohibiting any further lowering of farm price supports on dairy products, wheat, corn and other basic commodities until Congress can—within a year—enact a more effective long-range farm bill. Such a measure is simply common sense—basic protection—in a time of recession, in a time when our economy needs every prop strengthened."

Must Override Veto

"And if the President vetoes the bill, it is up to us in Congress to override that veto. I supported this and other Democratic measures because I think farm prosperity is not just a local need—it is a national need."

Kennedy said Benson's policies have driven prices down, increased surpluses, spent more money and farm income both net and per capita has gone down steadily.

"The greatest challenge facing the Democratic Party today," said Kennedy, "... is the development of a new workable farm policy. Even though we may use the excuse that we are in the minority, it is not enough that we expend our energies in denouncing Mr. Benson and his policies—or in proposing substitutes which could not be implemented."

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A son of Henry and Louise Christian-Heuer, he was born July 18, 1890. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Harry Franz, of Fort Wayne, and many nephews and nieces.

The deceased was a lifelong member of St. Peter's Lutheran church. The pastor, Rev. Fred Droegemueller, will conduct the services Tuesday, with burial following in the church cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home until time of the services.

President Of Perfect Circle First Witness

Urges Congress To Mark Responsibility For Strike Violence

WASHINGTON (UP)—W. B. Prosser, president of the Perfect Circle Corp., Hagerstown, Ind., "clearly define" responsibility for said today Congress should violence in strike or violence will continue.

Prosser was the first witness in the Senate Rackets Committee's investigation of a 1955 strike involving the Indiana piston ring manufacturing firm and the four-month dispute was marked by shootings and other violence, mostly at the firm's New Castle, Ind., foundry.

"We have heard officials of the union claim," Prosser said in a prepared statement he read, "in connection with the Perfect Circle strike and other strikes, that they did not approve of violence and disclaim responsibility for it."

"We believe that the United Automobile Workers is a responsible organization and that it has ability to curb abuses within the union. But to merely denounce such violence, in the face of its long continuance, and to disclaim responsibility is but to encourage it."

Prosser said Congress should pass laws "which will clearly define to the union, the employees and management the nature of unlawful violence, the responsibilities for such violence, and which will provide adequate penalties."

"Until steps are taken in this direction," he said, "violence will continue and union will attempt to evade responsibility with glib words and the claim that it does not stem from union orders."

Prosser said William Caldwell, a UAW international representative, threatened the company with "the roughest thing you have ever seen" when the strike approached.

Prosser said the company decided to try to operate despite the walkout because it felt the strike was not supported by the majority.

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Theodore Heuer Is Killed By Tree Limb

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Stranded Skier Is Ill With Pneumonia

Four Young Skiers Stranded In Sierra

BULLETIN
YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (UP)—An Army helicopter rescued four stranded skiers from the wilds of Yosemite National Park today.

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (UP)—A 10-man rescue party set out at dawn today to aid a skier stricken with pneumonia in the snow-covered High Sierra.

William Pope, 22, a Stanford pre-medical student and son of a San Francisco architect became ill on a cross-country ski trip last week with five other students.

Two of the students went for help, leaving Pope and three others—two of them coeds—stranded out a storm on the 11,000-foot saddle area between Mt. Lyell and Rodgers Peak, about 25 miles east of Yosemite Valley.

With Pope were Lenore Lamb, 21, of Orinda, Calif.; Margaret Meyer, 21, of Seattle, Wash.; and Mike Roberts, 21, of Neenah, Wis. All are members of the Stanford Alpine Club.

Expect Tough Going

Chief ranger Oscar Sedergren at Yosemite said the ground party could expect "tough going" in tracing the 13 miles between their overnight campsite and the spot where Pope lay.

"They have plenty of slides to skirt and they'll have to be on the lookout for avalanches," he said. "If the wether gets worse, they may not be able to reach young Pope by nightfall, as we hope."

The rescue party made "slow but sure" progress Sunday until late in the afternoon when a blinding snow storm cut visibility so low that the 10 men could go no further.

As a result, the search party had to hole up three miles short of Lake Merced.

If the weather permits, a helicopter may try to rescue Pope today. A helicopter attempt on Saturday failed.

Message Dropped

Bob Symons of Bishop, an expert mountain pilot, dropped a message to the students Saturday, asking them to trace the letter "O" in he snow if Pope needed oxygen. He said the students acknowledged the message with a wave, but did not make the letter. Symons air-dropped food and medicine to them.

Pope had a slight cough when the trip began a week ago Saturday from the east slope of the Sierra at Silver Lake. He became

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt At Elks Home

Annual Hunt Here Sunday Afternoon

Decatur's annual Easter egg hunt, sponsored by the B. P. O. Elks lodge, will be held Easter Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, according to an announcement today by Earl DeWeese, exalted ruler of the fraternal organization.

The hunt, one of the most colorful events of the Easter season, has been conducted for many years on the large lawn of the Elks home on North Second street.

The hunt will be held Sunday regardless of weather conditions, and if rain or wet grounds prevent holding the hunt on the lawn, the event will be conducted inside the lodge home.

The hunt is for children up to and including nine years of age, and all children of this age group in Decatur and vicinity are invited to participate.

Dozens upon dozens of brightly-colored eggs will be scattered over the lawn, and many of these eggs will have special markings which will entitle the finders to special prizes.

Two big "Easter Bunnies" will be on hand to assist and entertain the youngsters during the hunt.

Soviet Russia Announces Ban On All Tests

Foreign Minister Gromyko Announces Nuclear Weapon Ban

MOSCOW (UP)—Russia today imposed a halt to its tests of "all forms of nuclear weapons."

The ban was proposed before the Supreme Soviet by Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

The Supreme Soviet had yet to approve the proposal, but such approval could be taken for granted.

But if the United States, Britain and other nuclear powers fail to take a similar step, the Soviet Union said it "naturally" would have to reconsider the action in "the interests of its security."

The Council of Ministers proposes that as a first step the Soviet Union unilaterally stop tests of all forms of nuclear weapons, Gromyko said.

He did not mention a date when the proposed ban should take effect.

Announces New Cabinet

The Soviet move comes at a time when the Russians are reported to have completed the latest in a series of nuclear and thermonuclear weapons tests in their Siberian and Arctic testing grounds and just before the United States is scheduled to start a new test series of its own at Eniwetok in the Pacific.

The foreign minister put forward the dramatic proposal of Nikita Khrushchev's new cabinet after a preamble in which he charged Russia was the only one of the three atomic powers ready to agree on a ban.

It came on the same day that new Premier Khrushchev presented his cabinet list to the Supreme Soviet. This list named former Premier Nikolai Bulganin to the relatively unimportant post of president of the state bank and promoted Khrushchev's protégé F.R. Koslov to the rank of first deputy premier.

Gromyko said the West was trying — by its attempt to make "clean" bombs—to divert attention from the main problem: The choice between peace and war.

Calls It "Classical Step"

"There are some people in the United States who think atom and H-bombs are necessary to prevent war and they are trying to make it seem that atomic bombs are for the good of the people," he said. "This construction is alien to the interests of peace and mankind."

It was assumed the Soviet ban would take effect from the moment the Supreme Soviet gave its approval.

Gromyko did not set a time limit on how long the ban would last.

"We realize that an ending of tests does not yet avert the danger of war," he said.

The foreign minister described (Continued on page five)

Portland Lady And Daughters Killed

Niece Of Decatur Residents Killed

PORTLAND — A mother and her two small daughters were killed early today when their automobile went out of control and overturned on U. S. 27 about four miles north of here.

State Police identified the dead as Mrs. Rosemary Rickner, 20, Portland, two-year-old Deborah and three-month-old Kim.

Mrs. Rickner is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Arnold of Decatur.

James Rickner, 23, the husband and father, was taken to Jay County Hospital here in "fair" condition with multiple injuries.

Authorities said the car, driven by Rickner, left the highway, struck a culvert and overturned. The accident occurred shortly before 1 a. m., c.s.t.