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## Ike, Experts In Huddle Today On '61 Military \$\$\$

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — President Eisenhower surrounded himself today with a team of defense and financial experts and began a thorough item-by-item check on a 1961 military budget of some 41 billion dollars.

Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy and plane load of Washington officials flew in with the defense budget and motored to Eisenhower's vacation headquarters at Augusta National Golf Club.

The flight landed at the Augusta airport 25 minutes behind

## Rocky Mountain Area Engulfed In a New Storm

DENVER, Colo. (AP) — A new arctic storm swept out of Canada into Montana Sunday and today had most of the Rocky Mountains and Northern Great Plains in its grip.

Temperatures today dropped as low as 37 degrees below zero. Snow driven by winds up to 80 m.p.h. in parts of Kansas, the Dakotas and Montana Sunday reduced visibility to near zero in some localities.

Winds died down during the night, and limited visibility was reported today at only scattered sections in western Nebraska and northwestern Iowa.

Low temperatures included 35 below zero at Helena and —32 at Butte, both in western Montana. Billings, in the east, had 13 below. Sheridan and Cody, both in northern Wyoming, had 23 below zero. Akron, Colo., near the Kansas line, had two below.

Cold wave warnings were posted for most of the Rockies and the Midwest, with sharp drops in temperature and snow in store for more than dozen states.

The cold weather was expected to invade most areas from eastern Wyoming and Colorado, northwest New Mexico, northwest Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri and northwest Illinois.

Below zero readings were predicted for northern states, along with strong northerly winds and snow.

At Scottsbluff, Neb., the temperature dropped from a Sunday afternoon high of 64 to zero by midnight. The temperature in Denver fell 29 degrees in one hour Sunday night.

Helena, Montana capital that took the brunt of a record storm last midweek, reported a 20-inch snow depth with about six inches of new snow.

The new storm dropped two to six inches of new snow over Montana, but all main highways remained open. Air travel was halted, but trains and buses managed to keep near schedule.

In western Montana, authorities were looking for two missing hunters, Fred Miller and Joe Kent of Hamilton, Mont. Officers said they apparently became lost Sunday while hunting with three other men. Snow in the area is 14-16 inches deep.

## CARMICHAEL



## Little Hope For 42 Persons On Wrecked Plane

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A National Airlines search pilot spotted the wreckage of a four-engine passenger plane in the Gulf of Mexico today, leaving little hopes for the 36 passengers and a crew of six.

The Miami-to-New Orleans airliner lost contact with radio points shortly after midnight.

The President is getting a work play vacation at the club before his December tour of 17 nations in Europe, Asia and Africa.

Eisenhower summoned nine other officials from Washington, including Budget Director Maurice Stans and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Nathan Twining.

In this year's budget, for the 12 months ending next June 30, total spending is estimated at nearly 70 billion dollars and defense costs at nearly 41 billion. The advance word in Washington was that the administration wants to hold defense spending in the new budget at 41 billion. Other outlays possibly could go up a billion or two.

But revenue also is expected to pick up and Stans has said the 1961 budget probably will be balanced.

There have been reports that Eisenhower is striving to show a surplus, a big one, for 1961, to demonstrate that his administration knows how to manage its money.

This year's budget has been fluctuating between red and black. It is a question now whether it can wind up with a surplus after the impact of the steel strike on personal, corporate and government incomes.

If a surplus does turn up, it will be only the third Eisenhower has achieved in seven tries.

## Former GB Man Sues for Million

A former Great Bend resident now living in Montrose, Colo., this week filed a damage suit for one million dollars for injuries sustained in a fall in May of 1958.

Vernon G. Pundsack, who was in the insurance business here for about 10 years prior to moving to Colorado in 1957, is the plaintiff in the action brought in Littleton district court. Defendant is Mrs. Mary O'Connor Murphy of Denver.

According to the petition filed in district court, Pundsack was permanently injured when he slipped on a wet spot on the bathroom floor in a house he had rented from Mrs. Murphy. The spot was caused by defective and leaking plumbing due to the negligence of the defendant, Pundsack's attorneys allege.

The former Great Bend man has been paralyzed since the accident and is unable to move or control his muscles from the neck down.

He is a brother of Otto Pundsack, 1414 Wilson, and the son of Mrs. Katie Pundsack, Seward.

## Check Forger Wins Clemency

Clarence McKinley Crozier, convicted here Sept. 3, 1958, on six counts of forgery and uttering forged checks, has been granted a commutation on his prison sentence.

Dale Speigel, pardon attorney for Gov. George Docking, has announced approval of 14 applications for executive clemency, including Crozier's request. Speigel said, 56 other applications have been denied or passed over.

Judge Roy J. McMullen sentenced Crozier to terms of "not more than 10 years" on each of the six counts, with the first two terms to run consecutively and the remaining four to run concurrently with the first two. In all, the sentence involved 60 years of prison sentence. It has been commuted to a 20 year sentence, Speigel reported.

Crozier, from Newton, was linked with Mrs. Peggy Mahon Wood, who passed more than \$4,000 in forged checks in a trip across the state. When Crozier was arrested, he posted bond and then disappeared. He was subsequently apprehended at Albany, Ore., and returned to Great Bend for trial.

## Starts Sentence On Disturbing Peace Count

Arthur Harold, 53, Ellinwood, began serving 10 days in the county jail here Monday after he was convicted of disturbing the peace in Ellinwood.

Harold was sentenced to 60 days in Ellinwood police court Monday. Sheriff's officers said 50 of the 60 days were suspended for one year. Harold also was assessed court costs.

## Presidential Hopefuls Sprouting Everywhere

## Many Plan, Scheme But Only One Is Chosen

Editor's note: In this season, when presidential hopefuls sprout everywhere, The Associated Press is taking an on-the-spot, closeup look at each contender. Here Arthur Edson, a politician-watcher with 15 years in Washington, gives his report on three days of travel with Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidential politics is a chancy business, where many plan and scheme and covet but only one is chosen.

And nowhere are plans more carefully thought out and drawn than in the young, bustling political camp of Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

Right now the plans call for Nixon to lie low. He has only one speaking engagement the rest of this year, at a sports award dinner in New York. The big drive comes in January and February.

Ideally, a politician never sees an acquaintance without being able to recall his name immediately, never is asked a question without having a ready answer, complete with statistics, never faces an explosive situation without having previously checked on

## Nothing in Residence Found in Disarray

## Four Members of Garden City Family Slain; Murderer, Motive Are Sought

GARDEN CITY, Kan. (AP) — In a farm home far off the beaten path of this vast wheat area four members of a respected, well-to-do family were murdered over the weekend.

Herbert Clutter, 48, his wife, Bonnie, 45, their daughter, Nancy Mae, 16, and son, Kenyon, 15, were bound hand and foot and gagged. All were shot in the head. Clutter's throat was slashed.

The victims were slain by a shotgun. Neither the gun nor the weapon with which Clutter's

throat was cut have been found. Nothing in the house was in disarray. No valuables appeared to be missing. Money which Nancy had placed in an envelope for

church lay on her bedroom dresser beside a diamond ring.

The coroner, Dr. Robert Fenton,

said Mrs. Clutter, and Nancy apparently were not molested sexually. He placed the time of death

between 11 p.m. Saturday and 2 a.m. Sunday.

The Clutters gave a ride each

Sunday to two of Nancy's school

mates. The girls, Mary Ewall and Susan Kidwell, stumbled on the Clutter home.

Clutter was a founder of the Kansas Assn. of Wheat Growers. He was a past president of the National Wheat Growers Assn., president of the Garden City

Equity Exchange, a director of the Consumer's Cooperative. Presi-

dent Eisenhower appointed him in

1954 to the Federal Farm Credit Board. Clutter declined reappointment two years later.

The family apparently had been ready to retire when they were attacked. All except Kenyon were in pajamas. The boy wore blue jeans and a white T-shirt.

The bodies of Mrs. Clutter and Nancy were in separate bedrooms. Clutter and Kenyon were found in the basement.

Who has worked 11 years as a farm hand for the Clutters.

Stoecklein said he saw the Clutters early Saturday evening, before he and his wife and three children went out. They returned about 9:30 p.m. They heard no disturbance.

Nancy and Kenyon attended high school in Holcomb, a village of 270 population a mile from their home. Both were honor students and Nancy last week won the school's good citizen ship award. She appeared in the junior class play Friday night.

A class mate of Nancy's, Bob Rupp, said he left the Clutter home at 10:30.

The Clutters had two other daughters, Mrs. Donald Jarchow, 23, of Mount Carroll, Ill., and Miss Beverly Clutter, 20, a student nurse at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan.

Mrs. Jim Thurman, 1401 Sheridan, Great Bend, is a niece of Clutter. "Herbert was brother of my mother, Mrs. Harry Nelson, Larned," Mrs. Thurman explained as she related that the entire family had just received an invitation to spend a two-day Thanksgiving holiday at the Clutters' large farm home near Holcomb.

Clutter is survived by his father, James, Larned; two brothers, Arthur E., Larned, and Clarence L., Wichita, and two sisters, Mrs. Harry Nelson, Larned; and Mrs. Elaine Selser, Palatka, Fla.

Mrs. Clutter was born Jan. 1, 1914, in Rosel. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Fox, Pasadena, Calif., and three brothers, Harold, Visalia, Calif., Howard, Oregon, Ill., and Glenn, Kansas City, Kan.

Nancy Mae was born Jan. 2, 1943 and Kenyon Neal Aug. 28, 1944, both in Garden City.

In addition to two daughters, the Clutters are survived by a grandson, Tracy Lee Jarchow.

Services for the Clutter family will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday from the First Methodist church, Garden City, with the Rev. Leonard Cowan officiating. The caskets will not be opened.

Larry Bryant, formerly of Great Bend and now with the Phillips Funeral Home, Garden City, said the place of burial had not been determined as yet although it might be in Larned.

TOPEKA (AP) — The third severe cold wave of November swept into Kansas last night with winds of 30 miles per hour and some gusts in the western part of the state as high as 50-60 m.p.h.

Temperatures were down to near zero by daybreak in the northwest and north central sections.

Forecaster Richard Garrett said there would be little snow with the cold. Traces were reported at Goodland and Wichita.

Winds were dropping off in western Kansas and were to diminish in the east by evening. Temperatures were to continue to drop through the day in eastern sections.

Garratt predicted clearing and much colder in the southeast this afternoon, otherwise fair and continued cold through Tuesday morning.

He said a warming trend would begin in the west Tuesday afternoon.

He said low temperatures tonight will range from zero to five below in the west and north central to 5-10 above in the southeast. Highs Tuesday are scheduled to be in the 20s.

There was quite a bit of warming over Kansas Sunday with top marks varying from 38 at Olathe to 56 at Garden City. Lows last night were from 2 above at Goodland to 36 at Pittsburg.

The Weather GOLDEN BELT AREA — Fair and much colder Monday night. Lows near zero. Tuesday fair and not quite so cold. Afternoon temperatures in the 20s.

Local Weather Data Sunday's High 45, Low 22. A Year Ago Today: High 72, Low 55.

Precipitation 38 Hours Ending 7 a.m. Monday: None. Humidity at Noon Monday: 36.90 percent.

Barometer: 30.40 rising. Monday's Sunset: 5:23 p.m. Tuesday's Sunrise: 7:17 a.m. Tuesday's Sunset: 5:22 p.m.



## SAFETY CHECK AWARD

This award was presented to Great Bend Monday by William E. Woodard, (center) traffic-safety consultant for the state traffic department of the Kansas Highway Commission. It was received by Chief of Police Roy Hester (right) and Safety Officer Jim Bennett. The award is made possible through the Inter-Industry Committee on Highway Safety and Look Magazine. It is for Great Bend Police department and citizen effort during the annual vehicle safety check campaign conducted May 13 through 18 this year when 8,268 vehicles were inspected by the police officers and volunteers.

Bennett said 1,385 defects were found on vehicles inspected, and 6,883 of the total were found free of defects. The award is "Certificate of Achievement" for noteworthy performance in National Vehicle Safety Check for Communities.

Just Trying to Help

ROME, N.Y. (AP) — Taxicab driver Arthur M. Carr explained in court that the reason he drove on the sidewalk was to pick up a fare who was having difficulty walking straight. Carr was fined \$5.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The national cranberry stew bubbled again today with a new protest from growers.

Chicago health officials were holding a shipment of Wisconsin cranberries which they said were contaminated with the same kind of weed killer found earlier on West Coast berries.

C. P. Olson, president of Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., a national cranberry cooperative, asked President Eisenhower to declare disaster areas the cranberry-growing states of Washington, Oregon, Wisconsin, New Jersey, and Massachusetts.

In a telegram sent from Plymouth, Mass., to the vacation White House at Augusta, Ga., Olson asked Eisenhower to "provide immediate relief to thousands of small farmers for losses caused by the unnecessary, un-

timely and imprudent action" of Welfare Secretary Arthur S. Flemming.

At a news conference last Monday, Flemming said traces of a weed killer had been found in some of the cranberries grown in the Pacific Northwest. He said the weed killer, Aminotrizole, had caused cancer in rats when it was included in their diet.

The secretary advised against eating the berries until tests could be made to be sure they contained no traces of Aminotrizole.

The cranberry growers immediately protested that Flemming had pulled the rug from under them just before the holidays.

Two shipments of cranberries grown in Oregon were seized last week by health authorities. On Saturday, the Chicago Board of Health seized 20 tons of cranberries grown in Wisconsin and impounded them. The board said its

tests showed four of six samples of the shipment were contaminated with the weed killer.

Sales of all cranberries and cranberry products were barred in Chicago.

Kennedy Says Prestige Of U.S. on Wane

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) says America's global prestige has been on the wane in recent years, threatening the survival of freedom.

"Since 1952, the power, prestige and standing of the United States in relation to the Communist world has declined," Kennedy told conference of Maine Democrats Sunday night.

"Every time we fall and demonstrate that we are not No. 1, we not only let down our country, but we let down the cause of freedom around the world," he said.</p