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Ike Hints Call To Duty Near

By ALLEN DUCKWORTH
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FORT WORTH, Texas, Nov. 8.—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower indicated here Wednesday that he might be back in Europe before April.

That was a strong inference that the Allies' European commander of World War II expects to be named commander of the new Western European Defense Forces.

There has been no official announcement of his selection, however. And Eisenhower, a 5-star general of the Army, in his expressions here, did not specify the capacity in which he might soon go to Europe. He spoke only in terms of possibilities.

Eisenhower's hint of an expected call from his job as president of Columbia University to military duty came twice in an interview.

He was discussing his pet project, the American Assembly, to be sponsored by Columbia University in an effort to solve pressing national problems. What would be the subject of the first assembly meeting, in April? he was asked.

"I might have to be in Europe," Eisenhower replied. But he said he would depend on his friends to support the assembly work "if I'm not here."

The general was questioned about the controversy over arming Western Germans. He declined comment, saying that this was an international political question and "if" he went to Europe it would be his job to get all the free nations working together.

At no time during the interview did Eisenhower mention the capacity he would serve in if sent back to Europe. But it is no secret that he has discussed the possibility of the command at the White House and has told President Truman he would serve—as a good soldier—if assigned.

Eisenhower spent Wednesday afternoon and evening here en route to College Station, where he will speak Thursday at the inauguration of Dr. M. T. Harrington as twelfth president of Texas A&M College. He was the Fort Worth guest of Amon Carter, newspaper publisher, and Sid Richardson, millionaire oilman.

He stressed the need for unity among the nations supporting "free systems" of government.

General Eisenhower talked with enthusiasm about his American Assembly plan. Private contributions will make up a \$500,000 fund to get it started. Eisenhower sees the assembly as a means of bringing together "Americans of common

sense" to try to solve complex problems.

The general admits he is confused and "worried as the devil" about a number of things. He thinks most Americans are, too, calling himself "average."

The great American soldier, who has been urged as a candidate for President ever since he took off his World War II uniform, seems to be as worried about the financial plight of America as he is the armed enemy abroad.

"Can we have security unless we have solvency within?" he asked.

"If we are going to maintain

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★ RAIN-MAKERS ARE ALL WET

PASCO, Wash., Nov. 8 (UP).—Farmers threatened court action against an artificial rain-making firm Wednesday.

The farmers of the 5,000-acre Pasco pumping project asserted that the Big Bend Water Development Association caused an unseasonal three inches of rainfall instead of the normal one inch, which destroyed most of their seed crops.

They said seed companies have refused them contracts for the coming year because of the loss.

PHONE CRISIS

Installers Ready for City Strike

Key telephone workers walked off the job in ten cities ahead of schedule Wednesday and 250 Western Electric Company workers in Dallas were scheduled to walk off their jobs at 6 a.m. Thursday in a strike that could lead to a nationwide telephone tieup.

Some 37,000 union workers are scheduled to strike at 6 a.m. By posting pickets around key telephone exchanges across the nation, the strikers expect to hold other telephone workers off the job.

In Dallas 3,500 telephone workers have been told not to cross the picket lines.

The strike is among Western Electric's installers who work on the telephone company's central office equipment and also warehouse and supply workers who supply and maintain telephones.

R. W. Staley, representative of the Communications Workers' Southwestern division said about 23,000 telephone workers in Texas would be affected by the strike.

The walkout is an outgrowth of a dispute between Western Electric Company and the installers and sales groups over wages and length of contracts.

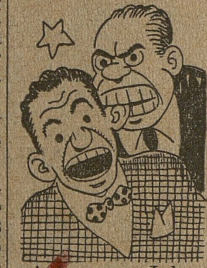
C. L. Stewart, division manager of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, said employees who are not members of the Communications Workers union will remain on the job "to provide continuous tele-

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WRESTLERS with cauliflower ears have nothing on a sports fan who appeared in Justice of the Peace W. E. Richburg's court Wednesday. During the excitement of the grunt-and-groan contests last week another excited fan nipped a plug from his ear. The victim had the ear and the tooth-marked missing piece as evidence. The biter paid \$25 fine.



FORMER MARINE Hiram S. Johnson was back in the Corps Wednesday and had his wife back, too. When recruiters recently refused to accept him because of a rule against enlistment of married men, Johnson promptly talked his pretty 49-year-old wife into a divorce with the promise to remarry her later. He got the divorce Monday, rushed to re-enlist, found the rule had been relaxed. In the Marine Corps now, Johnson and his

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SHOOTING THE BREEZE IN SOCKS

Shoes Shed As General Ike Holds Meeting With Friends

By CLINT PACE

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FORT WORTH, Texas, Nov. 8.—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's stop-over in Fort Worth Wednesday was to hold a "socks meeting" with two old friends, Publisher Amon Carter and Oilman Sid Richardson.

A "socks meeting," he explained, occurs when he takes off his shoes and sits around in his socks shooting the breeze.

That was what the famed, Denison-born, now president of Columbia University, planned to do in Fort Worth during the afternoon and early evening. Later in the night, he was to be taken to Caldwell aboard a special railroad car, and Thursday morning driven to College Station to make the main address at the inauguration of Dr. M. T. Harrington as president of Texas A&M College.

Eisenhower said he had no plans for a public appearance in Fort Worth and wasn't looking for any. But he relented and accepted an invitation to appear before the Baptist General Convention, where he made a 6-minute sermonlike talk urging "a moral regeneration" to halt the "godless and self-seeking."

A small gathering of people watched the general get off his railroad car at the Santa Fe Station, clown around with Carter's western hat, and get into a Cadillac car and leave for downtown.

While waiting for the train to come in, Carter told one of his anti-Dallas stories. Seemed he and a bunch of Fort Worth people once

hired a whole train to take them to Memphis for a ball game. They could do anything they wanted with the train, so long as they kept it on the tracks. Carter mounted the engine and, at ten miles an hour, drove nonstop through Dallas blowing the whistle and letting folks know the Fort Worth people were around.

"My arm got awfully tired holding that whistle rope down," he said. "I thought we'd never get through Dallas. I found out then that's a pretty good sized town over there."

The train hauling the general was one of special significance, a railroad official announced. It was being used to try out a new horn which the Santa Fe has come onto. Supposedly smoother than the honkers on the other Diesels, the horn was being given its first test. Worked fine, the man said later.

Eisenhower spent perhaps a half hour with newspapermen aboard the train while the car was being unhitched and shunted to a siding. He got interested in the operation. His car had been stopped on a slight curve and the switch engine couldn't get hold to pull it back.

Finally the switch engine backed away, got an empty freight car off an adjoining track and pushed it up to make the connection with Eisenhower's car. Then the switch was made.

"Doggone," said the general, who had interrupted a discourse on the American assembly plan to watch the switching operation. "Those boys are pretty good."

Eisenhower said he was sorry the Santa Fe didn't go through Denison, his birthplace. He'd have liked to see the old home town, he said.

"Denison is on the way to Dallas from the north, isn't it?" he asked.

"Yeah," said Carter dryly, "but you're on the main line now, general."

Eisenhower's friendship with Richardson, incidentally, started on a train.

On the Friday after Pearl Harbor, Eisenhower, a relatively obscure brigadier general assigned to the Third Army in San Antonio, was ordered to Washington. Bad weather forced his plane down in Dallas and he caught a train. He had no reservation and traveling was tough.

Through Bill Kittrell of Dallas, Eisenhower got a bunk in the drawing room Richardson had reserved to Washington. The trip made the men good friends.

There was almost no fanfare attached to Eisenhower's visit. Although he was the traveling guest of John Gibson, Santa Fe vice-president and general counsel, no special pains were taken to welcome him.

Even the Santa Fe stationmaster, G. T. Glenn, said he hadn't been advised the famous general was traveling on the line until a short time before arrival.

"I'll declare," said Glenn, an extremely friendly man. "If I'd've known that, I'd've baked that cake everybody keeps singing about. Ike's my boy."

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peace, we've got to have armed forces. That costs money. We want to protect a way of life. But if you build too much force, you threaten from within. We must preserve our economic health from within."

He quoted Thomas Jefferson on the perils of a shaky national economy based on a huge public debt.

Somewhere, he said, Americans and their leaders must find the level—the amount that can be spent without wrecking the country's economy.

Eisenhower said there was too much "by guess and by God" in the way of doing things now.

Americans are being called on to make decisions on things "we don't know a darn thing about," he said. And when it comes to selecting public officials, Eisenhower deplored, we say, "I'll vote for that guy."

He hopes his American Assembly plan will bring together the people who can find the answers.

"First, we will take a group of college professors and research people," Eisenhower explained. "Let them develop the backgrounds. Then, get leaders of American industry—the men who have to meet the payrolls—and lawyers and engineers.

"They would work out the problem."

The American Assembly, stated simply, would bring together the men of common sense and ex-

perience and the theorists, Eisenhower said.

Would the assembly have any status with the government? he was asked.

"No!" he snapped. "The government is in enough things already. This is a project of free private citizens. If it had any official standing, I would have not anything to do with it.

"We want to remove partisanship and prejudice. I don't think there's any other way."

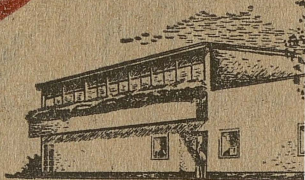
After speaking at College Station, General Eisenhower will make a speech in Houston Friday and to the City Club in Dallas Saturday.

Connecticut GOP To Ask Recount

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 8 (AP).—Republican State Chairman Clarence F. Baldwin said Wednesday night his party will demand a recount in the close race for a United States Senate seat between the Democratic incumbent, William Benton, and Republican Prescott Bush.

Baldwin's announcement followed a reduction in Benton's lead over his GOP rival to less than 1,000 votes on the basis of a state official's preliminary check of official returns in the contest for the 2-year Senate term.

Baldwin said his party had reports of "many discrepancies" in the reporting of the vote to campaign headquarters and to newspapers.



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