

SENATE LEADERSHIP

Taft Is Candidate For GOP Floor Job

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio announced today he will be a candidate for floor leader in the new Republican-controlled Senate starting Jan. 3. Taft's statement, issued through his office here, said he reached his decision after assurances from Sen. Bridges (R-NH) that he desires to be temporary president of the Senate rather than floor leader, and from Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) that he does not intend to be a candidate for floor leader.

Truman Defends His Foreign Policies

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman stoutly defended today the foreign policies of his seven years in the White House and declared they have produced "a situation in which it should be clear that the United States has not been able to achieve its objectives by the use of force."

"We have demonstrated to the Communists that their expansionist efforts will be checked," the President said, adding:

"They know this nation is becoming strong. They know the strength and unity of the free world is mounting. They know nothing from what but catastrophe."

Truman conceded there have been in his administration some mistakes and a few failures in international relations, but he said those who criticize such losses as the fall of China to the Reds are "fool at the whole balance sheet."

Acheson Faces Vincent Decision

By EDWARD E. BOWAR
WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson returns today to the White House to face a decision whether to fire career diplomat John Carter Vincent, recommended by the loyalty review board.

Officials said Acheson might be asked to succeed in a preliminary conference with President Truman, but that any decision on the issue may be put off pending further study.

The board, top loyalty tribunal in the Government, has no doubt as to Vincent's loyalty. The finding was made public on Monday by the State Department, which said the President would confer with Acheson when the Secretary returned from his meeting of the North Atlantic Council at Paris.

Vincent has been suspended and recalled from his post as minister in Tangier, Morocco. He appeared personally at a secret hearing in September by the board, which was held through a mass of testimony bearing particularly on the stage of Vincent's career when he was in the Government's top officials on relations with China.

Acheson has the authority to accept or reject the recommendation of the review board. He accepted a similar recommendation last December in the case of John Stewart Service. The department took the position then that the board's finding was binding. Vincent's position might be modified in Vincent's case remained to be seen.

Ambassador, Wife Lunch With Queen

LONDON (AP)—Walter Gifford, the retiring U.S. Ambassador, and Mrs. Gifford had lunch today with Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace.

President-elect Eisenhower has been succeeded by New York Banker Winthrop Aldrich.

OUR WEATHER

Fair and mild temperatures today. Increasing clouds and not so cool tonight. Wind, clear and cool with rain. High temperature yesterday 65 degrees.

High temperature expected today 65 degrees.

Low temperature this morning 37 degrees.

Low temperature expected today 45 degrees.

Forecast for 7:21 A. M.: sunset 5:14 P. M.

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ARRAIGNED

Not Guilty Plea Entered By Lattimore

OWEN LATTIMORE
WASHINGTON (AP)—Owen Lattimore more loudly declared "not guilty" today in answer to a seven-count indictment brought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in a presidential case.

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President-Elect Fills High Defense Jobs

Appointees To Serve Under Wilson
By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
NEW YORK (AP)—President-elect Eisenhower today announced his selections of the civilians who will head the Armed Services under Charles E. Wilson, secretary of defense-designate.

They are:

Deputy secretary of defense—Roger M. Kyes, 46, of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., a vice president of General Motors.

Secretary of the Army—Robert B. Breck Stevens, 53, of South Plainfield, N. J., a director of the General Electric Corp., General Electric and Jacobs Mills, and chairman of the board of J. P. Stevens & Co., textile manufacturer.

Secretary of the Navy—Robert Bernard Anderson, 42, of Vernon, Tex., a director and deputy chairman of the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank at Dallas.

Secretary of the Air Force—Harold E. Talbot, 64, of New York, chairman of the board of the North American Aviation Co., and a member of the Chrysler Corp. finance committee.

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Also affected by today's index were an estimated 100,000 workers in textiles and aircraft.

Wrecked Automobile Is Relief To Owner

CINCINNATI (AP)—William W. Smith, 25, drove his automobile on to railroad tracks here, parked it and calmly walked away, a train smashed into it.

Patrolman Charles Denham said Smith's only comment was: "Well, I don't have to drive my wife to work."

Smith was cited yesterday for ignoring a flashing red light.

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EVENING PRAYER

Our Father, the world so desolately needs peace. Christmas tells us how we can find it by allowing the Prince of Peace to enter our lives, control our thoughts, direct our speech and actions. Help us to do that, O Jesus Christ our Lord—Amen.

CHARLOTTE NEWS Final

Air Force Secretaries



Every Friday afternoon at 2:40, R. Frank Harwood boards an Eastern Air Lines plane at Charlotte Municipal Airport and heads for New York City, where he's doing week-end graduate study at New York University. He arrives at Newark Airport at 5:35, goes via bus and subway to the campus for his first class, beginning at 6:15 P. M. Mr. Harwood admits it's an unusual—and expensive—arrangement, traveling 1,140 miles each week-end. But his education is worth more than financial worry. Here the young Charlottean buys his flight ticket from Mrs. Suzanne Coenen at EAL's Hotel Sotelya office.

Anastasia Keeps Silence Code Of Underworld

Student-Professor Champ Commuter

By DONALD McDONALD
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Here's our entry for the nation's champion student-commuter—R. Frank Harwood of Charlotte—who travels 1,140 miles every week-end to attend classes at New York University Graduate School.

Mr. Harwood flies each Friday at 2:40 P. M. from Charlotte to New York City in pursuit of his doctor's degree in business education. Week-days are spent in Charlotte as a member of the faculty of King's Business College, 408 W. Trade St.

Isn't that a schedule rather expensive? "Well, yes," says the air-minded Mr. Harwood. "But at the same time, isn't a man's education his soundest investment?"

The genial student-professor admits that an ideal set-up would be to combine his work and his study in the same locality. But he dislikes New York as a community, and he loves the South-east and particularly Charlotte.

By the same token, Mr. Harwood feels that New York University's Graduate School provides the best possible opportunities in the fields of business education and adult education.

VARIETY
"No other school that I know of has such a convenient arrangement of schedule and such a variety of courses which I need," Mr. Harwood explains. "I am only grateful that a university like NYU does exist, even though it is 570 miles away, and that it is able to provide a program flexible enough to train for diverse special training I must have."

Mr. Harwood is working toward his Ph.D. in business education and administration of adult education, field service in adult education, counseling, and organization and administration of audiovisual aids program.

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In Republican Senate

Dixie Democrats To Have Big Voice

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Mundt (R-S.D.) said today some Southern Democrats will be given a strong say in the new Republican Senate in recognition of President-elect Eisenhower's support in Dixie.

Mundt told a reporter Senate Republican leaders are discussing a proposal to create in certain Senate committees the post of vice-chairman, to be filled by "co-operative" Southern Democrats.

He said Senate rules make provision for such an office, hence it would be "a committee-by-committee proposition." Whether or not vice-chairmen are named formally, he said, the idea will be followed in principle.

"It would work out in fact more than in name," Mundt commented. "It won't be straight across the board, but only certain committees and certain services and finance—where there is a good feeling of co-operation."

He said Sen. George (D-Ga.), Finance Committee chairman, and Sen. Millikin (R-Colo.), in line to succeed George, already have "consulted and worked things out in harmony."

Sen. Russell (D-Ga.) is the Armed Services Committee chairman, with Sen. Bridges (R-NH) as the ranking Republican member. Russell was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

Democratic Nominee Adlai Stevenson drew his biggest plurality of the Nov. 4 election in Georgia, but lost Texas, Virginia, Florida and Tennessee in the traditionally Democratic South.

One highly placed Republican who declined to be named indicated Southern Democratic supporters of Eisenhower may be given a voice in dispensing Republican patronage in their states.

"It's likely that some Southern Democrats will be given a voice under the new administration," said a spokesman of South Carolina and Gov. Allen Shivers of Texas will find their reward in a reasonable patronage policy," this source said.

"I expect the decision finally will be that it would be a mistake to go all out for Democrats who supported one Republican presidential nominee but might hop right back to all-out support of a Democratic nominee four years hence."

"I'd say they will get a reasonable reward in the form of a voice in patronage in their states, as an inducement for a real two-party system in the South."

Comic Dictionary

SNEEZING
Much schae about nothing.