

Sources Near Truman Say Royal To Resign Shortly

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'Reputable' Word Given On Status

By ERNEST B. VACCARO
KEY WEST, Fla., (AP)—Presidential confidants disclosed today that Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall is the next highest ranking administration official to go.

These reputable but unquotable-by-name officials said Royall will not be out within ten to twenty days. His successor has not yet been decided upon, they reported. Royall is from Goldsboro, N. C.

Meanwhile, the President settled on the enjoyment of a fortnight's vacation at his Naval Submarine Base—his ship stop to Florida. He flew yesterday, landing at the Boca Chica airport, eight and a half miles from here.

He will fly to Orlando tomorrow and drive to Winter Park, where he will speak and receive a degree from Rollins College.

His impromptu talk will be made some time after noon. The President will fly back to Key West after lunch.

At least one highly placed Presidential intimates said Mr. Royall is resigning.

They said he will follow Secretary of Defense Forrestal into retirement despite Mr. Truman's assertion that his last, more conference that Royall was not quite so well informed as the Secretary of the President meant that Royall was not stepping out at that time.

Col. Louis Johnson, an old pal of Mr. Truman's and one of the President's closest advisers, is succeeding Forrestal as Secretary of Defense.

Mr. Royall is expected to return to Washington March 10. He may fly down here for a conference before Mr. Truman returns to Washington March 10. He may fly down here for a conference before Mr. Truman returns to Washington March 10.

It was reported by the President's associates that he would leave John L. Sullivan to remain as Secretary of the Navy and W. Stuart Symington to stay on as Secretary of the Army.

The President himself said he had no other plans here than to work on official papers flown to him daily from the White House, except for his trip to Winter Park tomorrow.

Charles G. Ross, the President's press secretary, is flying here Friday. He underwent an operation recently in Washington.

Chief Justice Vinson, one of the President's close friends, is flying down later in the week for a brief visit.

Mr. X

Here is the first clue to the identity of Mr. X. Cite No. 1. He was born in 1891.

7th Week In Mr. X Contest Under Way

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Transport Regrouping Is Proposed

Commerce Dept. Control Urged

By STERLING F. GREEN
WASHINGTON, (AP)—The Hoover commission today recommended handing all the Government's controls over the nation's transportation—railroads, highways, planes and ships—to the Commerce Department.

In perhaps the most sweeping reorganization plan of the ten it has thus far sent to Congress, the commission moving into that one department all or part of eight other Government agencies—including the Coast Guard and the business activities of the Maritime Commission.

The 12-member group on Government reorganization headed by former President Herbert Hoover explained the proposed plan today.

"It was the original intent of Congress, in creating the Dept. of Commerce, that it should embrace within the Government's interest in the development and safeguarding of transportation."

"Our recommendations are directed toward accomplishing this end."

It suggested that the Secretary of Commerce be assigned the duty of making overall route programs for air, land and water transportation.

"It would eliminate existing waste and overlap."

The committee on an official responsibility for planning the nation's transportation system, the commission said, would strip executive powers from several major agencies but would affect only indirectly the power to grant routes and fix rates.

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LAST BROUGHTON FAMILY PORTRAIT

The late Senator J. Melville Broughton's family gathered with him in Washington only nine weeks ago for this happy family portrait. The occasion was the swearing in of North Carolina's former Governor as junior Senator from that state. This last family picture shows (seated, left to right) daughter Alice Broughton, the Senator, Mrs. Broughton and (standing, left to right) J. Melville Broughton Jr., his wife, and sons Woodson Broughton and Robert Broughton. (Seth Muse Photo.)

State Shocked By Senator's Death

Broughton Rites Set Tomorrow

RALEIGH, (AP)—The sorrowing family and friends of U. S. Senator J. Melville Broughton, still shocked by his sudden death yesterday, prepared today to pay him final tribute tomorrow.

Broughton, who entered the Senate only two months ago after a distinguished career which included service as North Carolina's Governor, died of a heart attack at a Washington naval hospital yesterday.

The body was returned here today accompanied by Broughton's secretary, Richard Queen and by Rev. Edward Hughes, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Washington.

Funeral plans called for the body to lie in state for two hours tomorrow at the Tabernacle Baptist Church here where Broughton for years taught a Sunday School class named in his honor.

The funeral services will be held at the church at 3 P. M. tomorrow and burial will follow in Mount Vernon Memorial Park. The Rev. P. P. Milton, pastor of the church, will conduct the services, assisted by the Rev. Edward Hughes, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Washington.

Other notable in the nation's capital also were expected to come here for the funeral including Army Secretary Kenneth Royall, members of the North Carolina delegation in the House of Representatives, including Governor Broughton, and Undersecretary of State James E. Webb.

Governor Scott and other state officials also planned to attend the service.

Southern Senators are filibustering against the change.

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Hartley Center Of House Labor Dispute

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Former Rep. Fred A. Hartley of New Jersey was the center of a new House labor dispute today.

This week's contest will be conducted the same as before. Here are the rules:

1. Tonight, between 7 and 8 o'clock, twenty calls will be made in Charlotte and five in Washington. Numbers are selected at random in the telephone directory of these towns. Tonight's prize is \$10.

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Red Dismissal Moves Denied

NEW YORK, (AP)—The defense sought dismissal of a conspiracy indictment against eleven high Communists today on the ground that President Truman's characterization of two Communist leaders as "traitors" made a fair trial impossible.

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Rules Fight Threat To Rent Controls

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Two Southern Senators suggested today that rent controls be fought if the Administration presses ahead much longer with its fight for an anti-filibuster rule in the Senate.

One of them, Senator Sparkman (D-Ala.), predicted, too, that if the House and Senate must pass a bill to keep the controls in force.

Sparkman and Senator Maybank (D-S.C.) mentioned the filibuster fight at hearings by a Senate Banking Subcommittee on legislation to continue rent controls.

The situation on rent controls is this: The present law runs out March 31. Rent controls will end unless Congress acts to continue them.

The House Banking Committee has approved a bill to continue the controls for another month. The House is due to act on the bill Thursday, but both House and Senate must pass a bill to keep the controls in force.

SPARKMAN REPORT
In a formal report to the House, that chamber's Banking Committee has recommended that the anti-filibuster rule be continued for another month.

He said there is a difference of opinion on these questions and within branches of the industry, hence the House can not take an official position, but it can offer its machinery for attaining solutions to the problem.

Odom Ahead Of Schedule In Try For Distance Mark

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—Distance Flier Bill Odom, riding a strong tailwind on his record-setting, non-stop flight from Honolulu to New Jersey, was reported only 750 miles from the California coast at 11:30 A. M. (EST) today, away ahead of schedule.

The late report came from Radio Station KQIA, whose beam Odome is following into San Francisco.

He is being pushed along by a 20-mile an hour tailwind and, luckily has avoided stormy weather north of his course, which might have delayed him.

Last Jan. 13, when he was forced down far short of his goal on his first light-plane record attempt, Odom ran into unexpected trouble in the weather miles off the coast, with the result that his gasoline supply was exhausted and he landed at Oakland.

This time, carrying more gasoline and, thus, a much better mileage from it, prospects for his reaching his objective at Teheran, N. J., appear far better.

Chief Coast PRY took off from Alameda air station this morning to escort Odom in and was expected to meet him at 1:15 P. M. (EST).

Mr. Odom's B-17 turned back to Hawaii at the 1,000-mile mark after reporting Odom was at 7,500 miles, and finding the weather much better than in his last attempt to set a new small plane distance record.

The bailing, 29-year-old flier used his gasoline-heavy Bockcraft off the runway at 7:55 last night (11:30 A. M. EST) today.

The single-engine craft made a perfect takeoff—skillfully nursed by the man who flew solo around the world in five minutes, eleven seconds and 19 seconds in 1931.

Wage Bill Called Threat To S. Cotton Industry

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—A cotton industry leader declared today that necessary for the average farmer to sell his cotton at 22 1/2 cents a pound would be required by Federal statute.

The added essential items of seed, fertilizer, plowing, and other expenses would raise the average cost of producing a pound of cotton to 51 cents—a figure which has never been realized from any crop on record, and a figure so completely non-competitive with other fibers and materials that it would threaten the cotton industry's position of importance on the economic scene.

He said there is a difference of opinion on these questions and within branches of the industry, hence the House can not take an official position, but it can offer its machinery for attaining solutions to the problem.

The fact remains always with us that it is consumers rather than producers who determine cotton's ultimate price, he said.

U. S. Cruiser Loaned To Reds Due Home Today

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The American Navy's loaned Soviet cruiser, the Sverdlov, is due home today after a 25-day tour in the Russian Navy.

Manned by a Soviet crew, the 25-year-old Sverdlov is scheduled to be returned to the United States Navy's fleet.

The old Milwaukee is the first of 30 American Navy vessels loaned to the Russians during the war to combat the Axis fleet.

As the 7,000-ton vessel nears American shores, the State Dept. was reported putting the final touches to a new note to Moscow demanding return of at least 300 American ships captured and three ice breakers.

WEATHER

Fair and colder tonight with frost; Tuesday, fair and not so cold. Low tonight, 40. High and low next 24 hours: 75-35. Low next 24 hours: 40-60. Sunrise tomorrow: 6:44. Sunset tomorrow: 6:44.

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