Gallup Poll

The man on the street thinks that the U. S. should retain its membership in the United Nations, according to the American Institute of Public Opinion, although many feel the organization ineffectual. Turn to Page 3-A.

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REPUBLICANS SKEPTICAL

TRUMAN REFORM PROMISE RAPPED

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Republicans met President Truman's assertion he is taking continued action to clean up the Government with demands today for Cabinet dismissals, a new Congressional inquiry and a 1952 election test of the issue.

Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) expressed last night that the administration "can ever succeed in reforming itself." Taft, candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, added in a Cincinnati press conference:

"Nothing President Truman can do now will prevent indignation of the people at what has already occurred."

In Chicago, the administration theme was carried along in a speech by Democratic National Chairman Frank McKinney. He said that where wrong-doing exists it is being uncovered, rooted out and punished by the Democrats.

CLEANUP HAILED

And Sen. Smathers (D-Fla) said in a statement that the country will emerge stronger and healthier from a cleanup. He said inquiries ought not to be allowed to become entirely political and selfish."

Sen. Nixon (R-Calif) told a reporter he regards Mr. Truman's declaration of yesterday that he has been acting continuously to keep the Government clean as "telling the country there will be no cleanup."

"A minimum program certainly should call for firing Harry Vaughan, Donald Dawson, Attorney General McGrath and Secretary of the Treasury Snyder," Nixon said. "Instead, the President appears determined to keep them, so he can rely on their advice in determining what action he should take."

Vaughan, the President's military aide, admitted accepting a gift of seven home freezers. Dawson denied he was linked to a White House ring which sought to influence RFC loans. McGrath and Snyder have official responsibilities in connection with tax collection scandals now being aired in a House hearing.

TO OFFER RESOLUTION

Sen. Wiley (R-Wis) announced in a statement he will introduce a resolution for an investigation of the office of Alien Property Custodian, which he called "a channel for distribution of plums and patronage."

"There is a clear relationship between (A) riders of the gravy train and (B) heavy contributors and fund-raisers of the Democratic party," Wiley declared.

Sen. Ives (R-NY) told a reporter that if Mr. Truman believes the controversy over the scandals which have been hared will die down before next November's Presidential election, he is mistaken.

In Los Angeles, Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) told a news conference Gen. Douglas MacArthur "would make an extremely good President."

McCarthy suggested a younger man could be nominated to run with MacArthur. He named Harold E. Stassen, Sen. Bridges (R-NH) and Sen. Dirksen (R-Ill) as possibilities.

On the corruption-in-government issue, McCarthy said any cleanup effort by President Truman will fail because "the present situation in Washington is like having a garbage dump covered with fresh clean earth; everywhere you step you turn up more filth."

Oliphant Tipped Caudle About Tax Being Probed

Figure In Alleged Tax Shakedown

Bert Noster, Abe Teitelbaum and Charles Oliphant (left to right) have been mentioned in the accusations and denials of an alleged clique for tax shakedown purposes during the tax probe hearings in Washington. Noster yesterday denied that he had any connection with the alleged $500,000 shakedown of Teitelbaum, Chicago lawyer, although the latter took a lie detector test. Oliphant, resigned chief counsel of the Internal Revenue Bureau, denied not only that he was a member of a clique but also that he had any knowledge of such a group. Oliphant went back to the stand today in what is expected to be windup of the current hearings. (Acme Telephoto).

Civilian Goods Output Slash Looms In 1952

'More Guns, Less Butter' For U. S.

By JOE HALL

WASHINGTON (AP)—Production of civilian items such as automobiles and refrigerators which are made largely of critical metals will be cut sharply in 1952 because of expanding military output.

That was the emphatic warning of the nation's top mobilization chiefs yesterday. Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson put it this way:

"From now on, during 1952, there will be many more guns and much less butter."

Wilson told the National Press Club that manufacturers of civilian goods will get only about 50 per cent of their usual amounts of three critical metals—steel, copper and aluminum—in the first quarter of next year.

And Manly Fleischmann, Defense Production Administrator and a principal Wilson aide, disclosed at the same time that "substantial" additional cutbacks in metal quotas must be made in April, May and June.

MILITARY NEEDS UP

Fleischmann explained that military officials have made big boosts in their demands for strategic metals in the second 1952 quarter.

The DPA head said he did not look for much increase in unemployment on a national scale because of the civilian cutbacks but agreed there would be more jobless in some areas.

He cited Detroit and New England particularly. There already have been sharp protests from members of Congress in both these sectors about growing unemployment.

Wilson said production of new jet planes "exceeds by many, many times" the number of all kinds of planes lost in Korea. The Air Force has announced that aircraft losses of the United Nations forces total nearly 900; most of these were American.

MANY BUILT

The delivery figures on jets "by no means reflect the progress we have made," Wilson said. Many new planes have been built but are undelivered because of "minor adjustments," he added.

Commenting on Capitol Hill charges that some military goals have not been met, the Defense Mobilizer said "the kind of schedule we have failed to meet is the pious hope kind."

Wilson said that a year ago, in determining the pace of mobilization, "we gambled against the possibility of an immediate world war.

"Let's say the chances of such a war were 50-50. Now, the chances may have changed to 60-40 against war. In another year, in two years, the odds against war will continue to drop as our power increases."

OUR WEATHER

Cloudy with intermittent light rain, tonight and tomorrow and continued cold. Cloudy, windy and colder Saturday with rain ending Saturday afternoon and much colder tomorrow night.

Highest yesterday, 53 degrees.

Lowest this morning, 36 degrees.

Sunrise, 7:24 A. M.; sunset, 5:12 P. M.

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WHAT'S COMFORTABLE?

What is a comfortable indoor temperature? It depends on the climate to which you are accustomed. When the United Nations headquarters was air-conditioned, it was found that Norwegians liked their indoor temperature near 60, while representatives from India wanted theirs about 80. In the Philippines, patrons stayed away from theaters cooled to 70 degrees; now temperatures are kept only slightly below outdoor levels. American tastes differ, too. People in New Orleans like their houses four degrees warmer than do Chicago residents.

MAN GIVES HIS LIFE TO SAVE TWO BUDDIES

CLEVELAND—(AP)—A man gave his life to save his two partners when an eleven-foot ditch caved in Thursday.

George N. Awen, 58, was the hero.

Rudy George, 29, got out of the ditch unscathed. His brother Minor, 34, suffered back injuries and was taken to a hospital.

The men had been partners for ten years. They were laying a sewer line along a new street. Two feet wide and eleven feet deep, the ditch was 25 feet long.

As a steam shovel bit into a water line twenty feet away, the ditch filled rapidly and the walls began to crumble.

Awen braced his back against some temporary planking on one side, and jammed a knee and his hands against the other side.

"Get out," he yelled to his partners.

As the George brothers scrambled for the surface, the cave-in caught Awen. His body was dug from planking and shale an hour later.

Tax Lien Aimed At Grunewald

WASHINGTON —(AP)— A tax lien for $51,157.71 was filed today by the Internal Revenue Bureau against Henry W. Grunewald, mystery man of current tax scandal hearings.

The lien was aimed at 1950 income taxes allegedly owed by Grunewald and his wife, Christine.

A lien is a legal action tieing up a taxpayer's assets up to a certain amount to guarantee that when the Government completes its tax case, the taxpayer would be able to pay up. After the lien is filed the Government continues its collection effort, which can be delayed considerably by court fights.

Caudle Appointment Led Agent To Quit

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Washington Post said today that appointment of T. Lamar Caudle as assistant Attorney General in 1945 was "to a large extent" responsible for the resignation of an FBI agent at the Charlotte, N. C., field office.

Caudle recently was fired by President Truman while he was under fire from a House committee investigating tax scandals.

James H. Montgomery Jr., now an associate judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in Richmond, Va., who resigned from the FBI in November 1945, a few months after Caudle's appointment, was quoted as telling the Post:

"I just felt what was the use? Caudle was going to Washington to be in charge of the criminal division. There was strong doubt in my mind whether any of his friends would be prosecuted."

Montgomery further was quoted as saying Caudle was still U. S Attorney in North Carolina when the Charlotte FBI office was investigating "a black marketeer also suspected of dealing in stolen property."

"Montgomery," the paper continued, "said the suspect one day promised to arrange his records and bring them to the FBI office. He never showed up. Reached later, and asked why he didn't keep his appointment, Montgomery said the suspect replied: 'I went to see my friend, Lamar Caudle, and he told me to see a lawyer.'

"Six months later, after Caudle had gone to Washington, the man was convicted and fined $2,500, Montgomery stated.

"According to Montgomery, another agent, Claude Freeman, came into the Charlotte FBI office one day thoroughly 'disgusted' after a discussion with Caudle about another case.

"'Freeman said, "I'm through, I'm going to resign," and he resigned from the FBI shortly thereafter, Montgomery declared.

"When I went into the black market and stolen property case with reports from about twenty agents, Montgomery went on, 'the other agents kept kidding me "You're wasting your time — you'll never get any prosecution out of the district attorney's office." I worked my head off on that case for three months.'"

Resigned Tax Official Tells Of Other Cases

Dropped One Charge At Congressman's Request

WASHINGTON — (AP)—Charles Oliphant, resigned chief counsel of the Internal Revenue Bureau, admitted he tipped off T. Lamar Caudle that his income tax returns were under investigation by Senator John Williams (R-Dela).

In the witness chair of House tax investigators, Oliphant also acknowledged that he let a tax prosecution case drop because of the interest of a member of Congress, Rep. James Morrison (D-La). He said he did it despite instructions from his own boss that the case should be pressed.

The "tip" Oliphant passed to Caudle was brought out under questioning from Rep. Byrnes (R-Wis).

CAUDLE NAMED OLIPHANT

Byrnes said Caudle told the investigators in a secret session last Nov. 2 that Oliphant had given him that word and also had warned him that a House committee wanted his tax returns.

Oliphant denied that he had told Caudle the committee had requested his tax papers.

But in a low, expressionless voice, Oliphant said:

"I told him Senator Williams had asked for his returns."

Williams for months has been conducting a personal and independent inquiry into Caudle's income tax affairs.

Some of the Senator's friends credit him with being mainly responsible for the present congressional digging into how the Federal tax collecting service has been run.

When Oliphant denied he told Caudle the committee had asked for his tax returns, Byrnes demanded to know how Caudle knew "this committee had his income tax returns, which it then had on Nov. 2."

"I could not say, sir. I did not tell Mr. Caudle that your committee had asked for his tax returns," Oliphant replied.

Caudle was fired last month as an assistant attorney general. In dismissing him, President Truman gave as his reason that Caudle's "outside activities" were incompatible with his official duties.

With Caudle in its witness chair, the committee has gone extensively into his activities and turned up such things as airplane trips to Florida as the guest of a business man in tax troubles, a $5,000 commission on sale of an airplane, and certain associations which committee members have denounced as questionable.

TAX DEFICIENCY CASE

The case involving Representative Morrison was that of the Washington beef and provision company for 1942 tax deficiencies.

Oliphant was testifying for the second consecutive day before a House Ways and Means subcommittee investigating revenue scandals.

The Washington Beef and Provision Co. case had been aired previously by the committee. It had tax deficiencies for 1942, 1943 and 1944. It was owned by Samuel and Sidney Kolker of Washington whose other company, Witt and Co. was in tax difficulties for 1944.

The claimed deficiencies for both

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Reds To Hold On To Prisoner List

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN

MUNSON, Korea — (AP) — The Reds flatly refused today to lift the curtain of secrecy surrounding their prison camps, but said they would okay the rotation of 5,000 troops a month if the Allies accept other Communist terms for enforcing a Korean truce.

The limited rotation plan was part of a new six-point Communist proposal which made little impression on Allied negotiators. An official U.N. communique made no mention of rotation and said the proposal showed "little significant departure from the unacceptable proposal of Dec. 3."

In Washington, it was disclosed the United States has alerted three nations — Sweden, Norway and Switzerland — that they may be proposed as members of "non-belligerent" inspection teams in event of an armistice in Korea.

The proposed teams would maintain a check on whether the Communists, on the one hand, and the United Nations forces, on the other, were abiding by the armistice terms.

Negotiators have not agreed on how an armistice would be enforced. The Allies have indicated they might accept a Communist proposal to use representatives of neutral nations for behind-the-lines inspections.

Red delegates said international Red Cross inspection of Commu-

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Truman Confers With Rep. King

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Rep. Cecil King (D-Calif), chairman of the House committee investigating tax scandals in the Government, conferred for 35 minutes with President Truman today.

He declined afterward to tell White House reporters anything about the meeting or even to say whether it was himself or the President who initiated it. The White House wouldn't say, either.

Informed sources said in advance however, that King undoubtedly would offer advice on the drastic action promised by Mr. Truman to put the Administration's house in order well before next year's election campaign.

KING GEORGE 56

LONDON — (AP) — King George VI was 56 years old today. The monarch, now well advanced in his recovery from a serious lung operation in September, spent the morning reading messages of congratulation from many parts of the world.

Pike Quits As AEC Member

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Sumner T. Pike resigned today as a member of the Atomic Energy Commission.

The White House made public an exchange of letters disclosing Pike sought to resign last Oct. 31, the end of his fifth year on the commission, but agreed to stay until Dec. 15 at President Truman's request.

"As the sole remaining original member of the commission, your loss will be sorely felt," Mr. Truman said in his letter accepting Pike's resignation "with the utmost regret."

Pike was Mr. Truman's choice for chairman of the commission before Gordon Dean, the present chairman, was appointed.

The move to name Pike ran into opposition in the Senate.

TOO MUCH INSPIRATION

ASHEVILLE — (AP) — A "Snow Dance" scheduled for tonight at Asheville - Biltmore College was canceled today because of too much of the stuff.

Now Drivers Won't Be Able To Miss Him

GASTONIA — (AP) — A traffic policeman who asked the city to light up a street is going to be lighted up himself, instead.

The policeman, stationed at a busy intersection, asked city council to install more lights. He said he'd had several "close shaves" by automobiles whose drivers had not seen him standing in the street at night.

Councilmen decided it would be cheaper to buy him a phosphorous-painted uniform so that he'd reflect the lights of the cars.

Allies Lose 3 Planes, Reds 1

SEOUL, Korea—(AP)—Red anti-aircraft guns shot down three Allied planes today while MIG-killing American Sabre jets destroyed one Communist jet and damaged three.

The U. S. Fifth Air Force said all the Sabres returned safely from their two jet fights over northwest Korea.

So did two reconnaissance F-80 Shooting Stars that were jumped by six Red MIG-15s near the North Korean capital, Pyongyang. The F-80s out-maneuvered and out-flew the Red pilots in the much faster MIGs.

In unrelated actions Red fisk brought down a Shooting Star, an F-84 Thunderjet and an F-51 Mustang. All three fell in Communist territory.

Fifth Air Force planes flew 663 sorties up to 6 P. M., chopping up Communist transport lines.

The Friday morning flash of action emphasized the current lead-ing role of the air in the Korean War.

Warships and carrier planes hammered at the edges of North Korea. But the ground troops stuck closely to their defense lines.

EVENING PRAYER

Lord, as the reports come to us from Korea, of fighting and death, and we realize the comradeship of our allies, the United Nations, whose forces join our soldiers in the war in that land, we would pray for victory for our arms; not that we may be mere conquerors, but that as champions of liberty, life and the pursuit of happiness, we may bestow on the downtrodden peoples of the world these blessings which were bought for us by the blood of our fathers. We would pray for our enemies that they may surrender their antagonism, and join with us in seeking a better way for all mankind. In Christ's name. Amen.

In Hollywood Parking Lot

Walter Wanger Shoots Wife's Agent

By GENE HANDSAKER

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.—(AP)—Before the horrified eyes of his wife, Jean Bennett, Producer Walter Wanger shot down her agent in a parking lot last night "because he broke up my home."

The greying moviemaker approached the pair as they were chatting and without saying a word fired two shots from a .38 caliber pistol at point-blank range.

The agent, Jennings Lang, 39, was seriously wounded in the groin and leg and underwent surgery lasting an hour and a half. Miss Bennett said she and Lang had been together on business during the afternoon. She denied any romantic interest in him.

Wanger was booked on suspicion of assault with intent to commit murder. He spent the night in jail and was to be arraigned later today on a similar formal charge or one of assault with a deadly weapon.

A bullet ripped through the left front fender of Miss Bennett's green Cadillac convertible. She was sitting in the car when the gun roared, about 5:30 p.m., in a parking lot across the street from the Beverly Hills police station.

Lang was standing by the car, talking to her. He doubled over, clutching at his abdomen.

Chief Anderson quoted Miss Bennett as saying she told Wanger:

"Get away and leave us alone."

She told the police chief that her relations with her agent were purely business.

Sid Holtzman, manager of a service station on the parking lot, drove Lang to his doctor's office on Wilshire Boulevard in Miss Bennett's car. She went along. Lang was later removed to a hospital.

Two policemen took 37-year-old Wanger into custody on the parking lot.

Miss Bennett, 41, was quoted by Chief Anderson as relating:

About 2:30 p.m. She went into the nearby Music Corporation of America building to see Lang, her agent for 12 years.

They took a drive around Beverly Hills and Hollywood in his car, discussing a proposed television show for her. They returned to the parking lot about 5:20.

She and Lang got out of his car and walked over to hers. She got in, he stood beside the door. They talked a few minutes. She had turned the motor and lights on when the gun flashed and roared and she saw Wanger standing nearby.

Police said Wanger tossed the gun into his wife's car.

The veteran producer of many

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