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CONFIRMATION OF WILSON PREDICTED

Adams Thinks Ike Regime To 'Ride Out' Protests Over Choice

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sherman Adams, new White House chief of staff, predicted today the Eisenhower administration will "ride out" protests over the appointment of Charles E. Wilson as secretary of defense.

Wilson's confirmation has been challenged by some Senate Democrats and Republicans because he has said he will not give up 2½ million dollars in stock, a yearly pension and a retirement bonus from General Motors, of which he was president. G. M. is the largest Defense Department private contractor.

Adams told a reporter he is confident the controversy over Wilson's holdings will be ironed out in time for early Senate approval of the Cabinet appointment. Leaders have abandoned earlier plans to seek confirmation of Wilson tomorrow.

"We'll ride this one out all right," the new chief of President-elect Eisenhower's White House staff declared. "I don't blame the senators for bringing up this question—there's a principle involved here."

Although Adams did not elaborate, Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich) said in a separate interview he expects some arrangements to be made under which Wilson would be relieved of the necessity for passing on General Motors contracts if he retains his holdings in the automotive firm.

FINDING WAY

"It's just a matter of finding a way in which Wilson could disqualify himself when any General Motors contracts come up for a decision," Ferguson said.

The task of finding some way around the present law which bars a federal official from negotiating contracts with a firm in which he holds even an indirect financial interest has been checked to Herbert Brownell Jr., to be Eisenhower's attorney general.

But William P. Rogers, named by Brownell as his chief assistant, told a reporter he does not believe any opinion will be forthcoming today. Rogers said some time will be required to study the legal aspects of the situation.

If Brownell comes up with an acceptable solution, most senators seem to think Wilson's confirmation will be only a matter of time. Neither his name nor that of four other Defense Department nominees will be brought before the Senate tomorrow when the rest of the Cabinet is expected to be confirmed, as Eisenhower had asked.

Quick Tax Cut Not Expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Finance Committee today unanimously approved George M. Humphrey, Ohio industrialist, to be secretary of the treasury.

The approval was voted after an open hearing at which Humphrey testified he was afraid a general tax reduction can not be made "in the immediate future."

The committee also unanimously approved Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby of Houston, Tex., to be federal security administrator.

Chairman Millikin (R-Colo) of the committee said the senators were satisfied Humphrey had complied with "the letter and the spirit" of the law in divesting himself of any interest in his varied business enterprises except stock holdings.

10 Accused As Spies Are Placed On Trial

VIENNA, Austria (AP)—Radio Sofia announced that ten alleged American - paid spies would go on trial today in Communist Bulgaria.

The broadcast from the Bulgarian capital said the accused "belonged to a group of spies which was directed by an American espionage center in Turkey."

OUR WEATHER

Mostly fair today, tonight and Tuesday. Not much change in temperature.

High temperature yesterday 65 degrees.

High temperature expected today 63 degrees.

Low temperature this morning 34 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight 40 degrees.

Sunrise 7:30 A. M.; sunset 5:38 P. M.

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SCHEDULE OF EISENHOWER INAUGURAL

WASHINGTON (AP)—Here is the schedule of inaugural events (Times are Eastern Standard time):

TODAY

8 p.m. Festival of Entertainment, featuring stage and screen stars and name bands, at Uline Arena.

10 p.m. Repeat performance of festival at Capital Theater.

TUESDAY

9 a.m. Electoral College members meet to form permanent organizations.

11:45 a.m. Formal inauguration ceremonies begin at Capitol, including oath-taking by Eisenhower and Vice President-elect Nixon and Eisenhower's inaugural address.

1:30 p.m. Parade leaves Capitol for White House.

10 p.m. Balls at National Guard Armory and Georgetown University auditorium.

Tanks, Planes Combine Attack On Red Defense

SEOUL (AP)—U. S. Patton tanks crunched over frozen rice paddies on the Central Korean Front today and blasted Red bunkers and trenches in the Iron Triangle sector for the fourth straight day.

Swift Allied fighter - bombers swooped down in bombing and strafing attacks on Communist positions north of the Punchbowl on the rugged Eastern Front. Pilots reported at least 60 Reds killed or wounded.

U. S. Sabre jets roared deep into North Korea and tangled twice with Russian-made MIG15s. Allied pilots made no claims of damage.

Marine planes attacked Red positions on the Western Front, and Shooting Stars and Australian Meteors attacked rail lines behind the Communist lines near the West Coast.

The air strikes came after a series of sharp savage infantry fights that flared in the frigid predawn darkness on the Eastern end of the battle line. Allied troops captured a Red outpost near Anger Hill and staved off Communist counterattacks until dawn. Then they pulled back to their own lines.

The lumbering Pattons teamed up with the U. N. fighter-bombers yesterday and destroyed five Red tanks on the Central Front. Four Red tanks were damaged. The Allied tankers also claimed destruction or damage to 36 Chinese bunkers, 11 caves and 11 gun positions.

Artillery gunners and pilots fought about 1,000 Chinese in the open above Kumhwa Sunday and reported 260 killed or wounded.

Sunday's Allied blows goaded the Reds into firing—and they maintained almost the same pace today.

Temperatures continued cold, dipping almost to zero.

Now that the paddies are frozen solid, tanks of both sides are prowling the front looking for targets. The Red tanks are showing up more often on the Central and Western Fronts — but they move about carefully, trying to keep out of sight of Allied planes and artillery spotters.

Action picked up along the battlefront Sunday. In the biggest infantry fight, Allied defenders in the Mundung Valley area killed and wounded an estimated 83 Reds of a company making an unsuccessful assault early in the morning.

LUCILLE BALL IS MOTHER OF BABY SON

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — The Lucille Ball baby, awaited by her television fans throughout the nation, arrived today. It's a boy.

A delighted and smiling Desi Arnaz, husband of the red-haired television actress, came out in a corridor of the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital to announce: "It's a boy. I guess we have everything."

The birth was by Caesarean operation, as was their firstborn, a daughter, Lucie Desiree, 1½. The boy weighed eight pounds, nine ounces and was named Desiderio Alberto Arnaz IV.

A spokesman for the couple of the "I Love Lucy" TV show said mother and baby are in "excellent condition."

Typhoid Epidemic Spreads In Germany

STUTTGART, Germany (AP)—A spreading typhoid epidemic brought a ban last night on the sale of imported endive, a salad herb, in the Stuttgart area. A total of 581 persons have been stricken in the past month and five have died.

Officials said a "considerable degree of probability exists" that the endive is responsible. No American soldiers or civilians have been afflicted by the epidemic.

Climax In County Police Debate

The red-hot issue over the proposal to merge the County Police Dept. with the Sheriff's Dept. came to a climax before the County Commissioners today. On the left, Rep. Arthur Goodman is shown speaking to the board, explaining that he was still open-minded on the subject. In the center photo, a portion of the crowd in the Commissioners' room is shown as Mrs. Ralph Miller spoke in opposition to the merger idea. The two men in dark-rimmed glasses, seated to her right, are Reps. E. L. Hicks and Charley Gillette. The right photo shows Tom Glasgow speaking against the proposal, urging the Commissioners and legislators to make no change in the police system. (All News staff photos by Jeep Hunter of Tom Franklin Studio.)

Big Crowd On Hand To Urge Plan's Defeat

Death Of Proposal Seen In Firm Stand

By TOM FESPERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The County Commissioners voted four-to-one today against the proposal that the County Police Dept. be merged with the Sheriff's Dept.

The vote came on a motion by Commissioner S. S. McNinch after the board had spent nearly an hour listening to citizens urging them to "make no change" in the police system.

Mecklenburg's four members of the House of Representatives, none of whom had committed himself either way on the proposal, were present as the discussion brought a standing-room-only audience to the Commissioners' meeting room.

But State Sen. Fred H. McIntyre, chief advocate of the plan to abolish the Police Dept. and give full law - enforcement powers to the Sheriff, was absent. He was reported to be in Sanford on business.

BROWN STANDS PAT

In a roll-call vote, Commissioner Ernest K. Brown stood his ground, made it clear he still thought the merger was a good idea, and voted against the McNinch resolution.

But Commissioners Craig Lawing and Carl McEwen and Chairman Sid Y. McAden supported the motion to "go on record" opposing any change in the County Police Dept.

It was still not definite that this formal action would close the matter, though there appeared little chance of getting any such merger legislation in the face of the Commissioners' firm stand.

Rep. E. M. O'Herron Jr., who had acted as spokesman for the legislators in submitting the idea to the public for consideration, said the county delegation's attitudeless would hold a caucus in Raleigh tonight.

Out of that meeting may come a statement from the lawmakers saying they intend to introduce no bills on the subject.

Both Sen. McIntyre and Commissioner Brown, in earlier statements, had said they wanted to see the two departments merged in the interests of economy.

McIntyre had estimated that up to $200,000 annually might be saved.

Persons who spoke to the Commissioners this morning tried to refute this argument.

NO DEPT. INCOME

One of the speakers, Thomas M. Glasgow, former member of the County Civil Service Board, used figures aimed to show that the Police Dept. in effect pays its way through fines and costs paid by defendants and through stolen property recovered.

"Any law putting a police force in the Sheriff's Dept.) would bring the force into politics," he said. "It can't be otherwise.

"I have never heard a word critical of the personal habits or performance of the 41 men of the department, and that is remarkable.

"The only thing critical I have heard was that Chief (Stanhope) Lineberry was not in his office a sufficient amount of the time.

"Lineberry has given the County the best police force I have ever known . . . I don't care whether he's in his office or out.

"This is the only force I know that's out of politics except the FBI.

"The Sheriff is elected," Mr. Glasgow said. "His is a political office. Those he appoints are political appointees."

DOUBTS SAVINGS

He said he believed "it is without reason" to say that a saving "of even $100,000" could be effected by merging the departments.

One thing that had impressed him about the proposal, Mr. Glasgow said, was the fact that all three newspapers (The News, The Observer and The Mecklenburg

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Far Western Coastal Areas Hit By Floods

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Relentless flood waters raged through the California-Oregon coastal plains today, cutting a wide swath of destruction as battered communities faced their third consecutive day of storms.

More than 1,000 persons were driven from their homes over the week end. Two days of torrential rain caused at least 10 deaths, blocked highways and railroad tracks and disrupted communications.

A state of emergency was declared in two Northern California counties, Humboldt and Del Norte. Several communities were ordered evacuated.

U. S. Highway 101—the main coastal north-south route—was under water at a number of places in both Oregon and California. From Eureka, Calif., population 23,058, over the mountains to the Central Valley, highways were blocked by slides and washouts.

Evacuation of Klamath, Calif.—Crescent City—was ordered. Its 500 residents fled to high ground as the swollen Klamath River rushed five feet deep through the streets. Residents said some homes were sent floating downstream.

Similar conditions hit the Oregon plains. State police said 112 people had been removed from low-lying farm land along the Coquille River. In some locations the water was up to second-floor windows. Farmers herded their cattle into upper floors of their homes and civil defense volunteers began preparing shelter for the evacuated.

Comic Dictionary

BUSINESSMAN

A man who spends time making money and then spends money killing time.

Washington Jammed

Capital Awaits Inauguration

By ED CREAGH

WASHINGTON (AP)— Washington took on a carnival air today with thousands of visitors pouring into the city to help celebrate the inauguration of Dwight D. Eisenhower as the 34th President.

They jammed train, bus and air terminals, milled through hotel lobbies and strolled along streets where souvenir vendors already were hawking their wares beside long rows of wooden stands erected for parade viewers.

One and all they were hoping for a glimpse of the general who at noon tomorrow will become the first Republican President in 20 years.

But Eisenhower was staying in seclusion in his Statler Hotel suite. He had some last minute checking to do on his inauguration speech — expected to be about 15 minutes long — but was receiving a few close associates.

GENERAL READY

One was Bernard J. Shanley, who was an adviser during the campaign. Shanley spent about an hour with Eisenhower and told reporters when he left that he found the general "full of life and drive and ready to go."

Shanley also said he may be in line for a job in the new Administration but didn't say what it was.

Another caller was Robert J. Cutler, Boston financier, who will be an administrative assistant to the new President.

Cutler said he just stopped by to say hello.

Eisenhower had been up since 7:15 A. M. He had breakfast brought to his suite shortly after 8. James Hagerty, press secretary, said Mrs. Eisenhower joined the general for breakfast but took only coffee.

Harry S. Truman, who will turn the White House over to Eisenhower tomorrow, was as busy as any man on the day before a move. Old friends and well-wishers were dropping in to say goodbye. He had to go by his bank

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Unidentified Plane Fires Upon Rescuer

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP)—A U. S. Navy patrol plane with 13 men aboard crashed off the coast of South China Sunday after reporting it had been hit by Communist ground fire. A U. S. rescue plane crashed into the sea after picking up the survivors.

A second U. S. rescue plane radioed today it had been fired upon by an unidentified aircraft.

Exact circumstances of the fast-breaking developments were unclear but a welter of messages from rescue ships and radio pickups in Hong Kong and Manila indicated this situation:

Of 21 American airmen aboard the two crashed patrol planes, 2 were killed in the first crash, 7 have been picked up by a U. S. destroyer and 12 are missing.

U. S. warships and planes were making an intensive search of the area—an six miles northeast of Swatow and about 100 miles northeast of Hong Kong.

It was the most dramatic episode involving the U. S. Navy in the Formosa Strait since President Truman assigned the Seventh Fleet on June 27, 1950, to safeguard Formosa from a Chinese Communist invasion.

Signals received aboard one of the rescue vessels—the seaplane tender Suisun—gave this picture:

1. A P2V Neptune patrol plane on a routine flight paralleling the coast reported it had suffered moderate damage from anti-aircraft fire from the Communist island of Namoa near the seopart of Swatow.

In Tokyo, Navy sources said the plane sent this message: "Fire from shore battery, moderate damage, amplifying follows."

That was its last message. It crashed later, sometime before 2 P. M. (1 A. M. EST) Sunday.

2. An amphibious Mariner rescue plane from Okinawa set down on the water and picked up 11 survivors of the 13-man crew—then crashed in taking off. The Navy reported that the Mariner—which had a crew of eight—burned and sank.

3. A second rescue plane radioed tersely: "Trailed by unidentified aircraft and being fire upon." There was no further word. The plane identified itself only by a Navy code number.

An American who arrived in Taipeh from Hong Kong Sunday night in a commercial airliner said that plane's radio intercepted some of the messages exchanged by rescue vessels, including this warning:

"Don't go inside the three-mile limit."

To Set Up Kansas City Office

Truman Ready To Become Plain Citizen

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

WASHINGTON (AP) — A gray, 68-year - old Missourian, radiating cheer and voicing deep satisfaction with his stewardship, today puts in his last full day at the world's biggest job.

At noon tomorrow, he will become private citizen Harry S. Truman.

Leaving the White House, he will see Dwight D. Eisenhower sworn in to succeed him as president of the United States. Then, several hours later, he will head back to the Missouri he left 18 years ago as a new U. S. senator.

Harry Truman will be out of a job for the first time in more years than he can remember and ready to try his hand at the novel experience of loafing after working around 17 hours a day for nearly eight years. He gives the appearance of being in excellent health.

Any idea that Truman will loaf for long, however, was exploded by word he has already made plans to open up a private office in Kansas City, near his home at Independence, Mo., to serve as headquarters for his future undertakings, whatever they may be.

SET UP OFFICE

Matthew J. Connelly, long his No. 1 secretary and confidante, is flying out this week to set up this office in a Kansas City office building before moving on to New York City to open up a business of his own.

Connelly, the man who cleared all appointments to see Truman at the White House, plans to become a consultant on business and government contracts.

It is to Connelly's apartment the President and Mrs. Truman will go to rest until train time tomorrow afternoon after lunching with the retiring Cabinet at the home of Dean Acheson, his secretary of state.

Truman will get his first taste of his new freedom when he boards the White House private car—by courtesy of Eisenhower—at Washington's Union Station. There Secret Service protection comes to an end.

The White House car, for the first time, will be attached to a regular passenger train, which will depart at 6:30 P. M. EST, for the trip back to Missouri.

And for the first time in nearly eight years, anyone who wants to can go down to Union Station and right onto the platform to see Truman off on a trip, without any credentials. There'll be a round of handshaking at Track 5.

GRANTS INTERVIEWS

During Truman's last weeks in the White House he has been granting exclusive interviews to some of the veteran newsmen assigned there. Accounts of two of them were broadcast over the week end by Bryson Rash of the American Broadcasting Company and Bill Costello of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Rash quoted the President as saying that at the 1945 Potsdam conference he gave Premier Stalin a broad hint that the U. S. had perfected the atomic bomb and would use it to end the war. Rash quoted Truman: "I am convinced

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Convicts Defy Officials, Ask Prison Reforms

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Rioting convicts, 1,000 strong, who set fire and wreaked havoc to big Western State Penitentiary today defied worried officials backed by the armed might of Pennsylvania.

The cold and hungry convicts held four guard hostages, five were captured originally, and angrily shouted for prison reforms. They smashed windows and taunted police who stood with rifles and submachine guns ready to mow down any prisoner breaking from cell blocks.

Warden J. W. Claudy moved cautiously to avoid bloodshed although Pennsylvania's governor, John S. Fine, declared the state will not bargain with the rebels.

PRISON RINGED

Col. C. M. Wilhelm, state police commissioner, arrived from Harrisburg to direct 72 crack state troopers who moved into the prison yard. More than 400 other policemen ringed the prison and a police cruiser in the nearby Ohio River trained its machine guns on the penitentiary.

After Wilhelm and Claudy conferred, other officials said no action to force the convicts to surrender was expected before the arrival of William S. Brown, state secretary of welfare, (director of prisons) and District Attorney James Malone. Both were reported en route by plane from Washington.

Sheriff Thomas Whitten said tentative plans had been made to end the riot but he did not elaborate.

FIRE HOSES READY

Fire Chief Stephen Adley ordered several big pumpers to the prison so water pressure could be increased if officials decide to combat the convicts with fire hoses.

Despite the ferocity of the riot which broke out early last night not a shot was fired and not a prisoner escaped in the nation's first prison uprising of 1953.

As dawn broke, an air of ominous silence hung over the penitentiary but it was soon broken as police reinforcements marched to their posts.

Prisoners bellowed Army cadence of:

"Hut, two, three, four! Hut, two, three, four!"

The grim faced policemen carried rifles, riot guns and submachine guns.

Russia Requested To Attend Meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has called on Russia to attend a big-four deputies meeting Jan. 30 in London to discuss an Austrian peace treaty.

The State Department disclosed today that an invitation was sent to Moscow last Wednesday. No reply has yet been received.

Four-power efforts to write such a pact have long been stalled. Russia declined to send a representative to discuss a proposed "streamlined treaty" last summer.

Doughton Recovering From Pneumonia

STATESVILLE, N. C. (AP) — Former Rep. Robert L. Doughton, 89, was reported today beyond the critical stage of pneumonia at Davis Hospital here. He became ill last Thursday.

Dr. J. S. Holbrook said the vigor and stamina of the former chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee apparently had carried him through the illness. He served 42 years in Congress.

EVENING PRAYER

Teach us, O God, that every day is important and everything is a part of Thy planning. Help us to think of each day as a segment of eternity, lest we forget the lastingness of little things. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.