

HALL NAMED NEW GOP CHAIRMAN

National Committee
Picks New Yorker
In Unanimous Vote

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Republican National Committee today unanimously elected former Rep. Leonard W. Hall of New York as its national chairman.

The committee accepted, with expressions of regret, the resignation of C. Wesley Roberts of Kansas. It gave voice approval of a resolution expressing deep appreciation for Roberts' work and praising him as a "friend of integrity whom we hold in high esteem."

Roberts resigned after a Kansas legislative committee held he had violated the spirit of a state anti-jobbing act by accepting a fee in connection with the sale of a hospital in the state in 1951. He had no official Republican party position at the time.

Hall got the approval yesterday of the president Eisenhower, the speaker Nixon and Senate and House party leaders.

Hall's election put the 52-year-old New York surrogate judge at the helm of the party for what speakers described as the critical congressional campaign of 1954.

RECORD CITED
Coincident with the election the Democratic National Committee issued a statement asserting that the new chairman had established a voting record in the House of Representatives "in direct opposition to the public safety campaign of President Eisenhower."

The Democrats cited, for example, a 1952 vote by Hall to cut two billion dollars off foreign aid funds. His 1948 vote against extension of the Reciprocity Trade Agreement program and a 1950 vote to kill Federal rent control.

Besides the expected criticism from the Democrats, Hall faces the need to raise money for a party described by some of its members as financially weak despite its Presidential election victory last fall.

Civil Service Position Filled

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower today nominated Frederick J. Lawton, who was assistant director in the Truman administration, to be the Democratic member of the Civil Service Commission.

Lawton would succeed Miss Frances Perkins who was appointed from the three-member commission. She served as secretary of labor in the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration.

Eisenhower also sent to the senate the nominations of Gen. Charles E. Cabell of the Air Force to be deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency. The White House previously had announced the President's intention to nominate Cabell.

Frank A. Southard of Idaho, N. Y., for a new two-year term as executive director of the International Monetary Fund.

Fire Chief Too Happy To Ask Any Questions

MARYSVILLE, Calif. (AP)—Marysville's new, gleaming red fire truck finally arrived yesterday—four days later.

The \$34,000 truck, driven here from the Elmir, N. Y., factory, had been unsupported after passing through Denver.

Fire Chief Robert Miller, who had been worried as to whether the truck was as happy as a boy, not bothering to ask questions, he sighed: "I guess it was just delayed."

OUR WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness and showers and thunderstorms today. Clearing late afternoon. Clearing and cooler tonight and Saturday.

High Temperature yesterday 82 degrees
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Sunrise 5:58 A. M.; Sunset 6:11 P. M.

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MURDER SUSPECT BROUGHT TO COURT



John Christie covers his face as he arrives for a second appearance at West London Magistrate's Court. The 35-year-old haulage clerk, charged with the murder of his wife, is a suspect in the murders of five other women whose bodies were found in the floor and walls of a slum apartment. (UP Telephoto).

U. S. Warns Against Red 'Peace' Moves

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—The U. S. warned the free world today against abandoning its policy of strength and unity because of conciliatory gestures from the Kremlin.

U. S. Delegate Ernest A. Gross told the U. N. 50-nation Political Committee that the U. S. was the very policy of strength and unity which had brought about such conciliatory gestures from the Kremlin.

"Most of us feel the time will come when the Soviet government will find it necessary to modify its policy, if so it will be because of our policy of strength and unity. We must not abandon that strength," he declared.

Gross deplored reintroduction of an omnibus Polish peace package and said that the U. N. has already rejected all major points in it. He specifically regretted the bringing up of the Korean problem here at this time.

"No resolution on Korea is necessary or desirable at this time," he declared. "We must avoid any action which might jeopardize the talks at Panmunjom."

Gross said a speech by Russian Andrei Y. Vishinsky yesterday, which caused considerable confusion—proved how futile and unhelpful it was to debate these issues now.

Taking note of the Polish proposals' demand for an immediate Korean cease-fire, Gross repeated the Western stand that there can be no cease-fire in that war torn land if it is based on the forcible repatriation of unwilling prisoners of war.

He said that there was hope that an exchange of sick and wounded would soon take place and urged that nothing be allowed to interfere with progress of the Panmunjom talks.

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4 More Hurt In Three-Car Hamlet Wreck



Whiteville Students Headed For Beta Meet
HAMLET (AP)—Two auto mobiles carrying Whiteville High School students to an Asheville convention collided with another car near here early today. Four persons were killed and four were injured.

Cpl. J. H. Jackson of the State Highway Patrol said the accident occurred at a bridge over the Seaboard Air Line Railway at Old Hundred, a rural community about nine miles from here on the Lenoir Highway.

SIDESWIPED ONE
He said a car going toward Lenoir sidwiped the first car carrying the students and then struck and smashed head-on into the second car. The Lenoir-bound car was on the left side of the road. Jackson reported.

One man in that car, identified as Harry Edwards, about 28, of Gallatin, N. C., was killed. He previously had been mistakenly identified as William K. Atkins, of near Kearsburg.

The dead also included Mrs. Jack Greer, her son, Jack Greer Jr., and 10 Ann Blanchard, Jr., all Greenville students. Mrs. Greer was accompanying the students to the convention.

The injured included Mason Jack Higgins of Mullins, S. C., an occupant of the car headed toward Greenville. Mrs. Greer, a Whiteville school teacher; Billy Valentine, 15, and Nancy Lyon, 16, Whiteville students.

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WRONG COAT SOLD AT SALE FOR 50 CENTS

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Commies Agree To Exchange Sick, Wounded

Transfer To Begin
About April 21

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN
MUNSAN, Korea—(Associated Press)—The Communists agreed Friday to trade sick and wounded prisoners beginning about April 21, then proposed resumption of the long-stalled armistice negotiations.

Both sides were expected to sign today the agreement calling for the exchange of 5,800 ailing Red for 600 Allied prisoners, of which 150 are Americans.

But in calling for a return to the armistice table, the Communist officers gave no sign of yielding on the principle of forced repatriation of some 50,000 prisoners who had returned to Red rule. It was Allied refusal to return such prisoners that ruptured the negotiations last Oct. 6.

PRINCIPLE UNCHANGED
Communist liaison officers at Panmunjom, in proposing the repatriation, declared "the principle of repatriation of all prisoners of war" an armistice "is unshakable."

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South Koreans Back On Top Of Key Hill

By STAN CARTER
SEOUL (AP)—South Korean infantrymen stormed back to the top of Texas Hill on the Central Front today after Chinese Communists buried three attacks against the key post and overran it.

The Reds threw an estimated 250 men into their latest assault against the strategic knob which has changed hands more than a half dozen times in the past week.

A ROK spokesman said the first Chinese force which hit the outpost was wiped out.

South Koreans finally pulled off the hill in good order, regrouped, counterattacked and sent the Reds scurrying back to their own lines, the Eighth Army said.

Ten Red shells 4,280 artillery and mortar shells into ROK lines before launching the attacks.

In the West, not far from the truce talks village of Panmunjom, the Reds continued their shelling of Carson Hill, which the Lethbridge team won in a bloody battle after losing it Thursday.

U. N. warplanes skirted the Panmunjom area Friday on their way north where they bombed Communist supply and troop areas and battled briefly with Red jets.

TWO MIGs were listed as damaged in dogfights with U. S. Sabre jets.

The Eighth Army's evaluated enemy casualty estimates for the week ending Tuesday totaled 1,582, the lowest since mid-February.

Gen. Clark last night authorized signing the disabled prisoners agreement and the exchange of prisoners. He said that the agreement had been completed, Korean, English and German translations and the final draft had been transmitted to Tokyo.

STRIKE FEELS PARIS (AP)—A strike on the Paris Metro (subway) flared today. The stoppage, called by the Communist-led Paris Metro Labor Confederation for the period from 5:30 A. M. to 9 A. M., was intended to back up demands for changes in the salaries of various classifications of employees.

EVENING PRAYER

Father, we bring before Thee all those who are sick in body and mind, and those who are in need of grace. Restore them to sound health and joyful spirits that they may be witnesses to the power of Thy boundless love. Use them as instruments of Thy grace in the world. Amen.

Comic Dictionary

THE LAST
The last muscle of the human body.