



## Taylor New Army Chief

### Gen. Ridgway, Critic Of Cut In Ground Forces, To Retire

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, critical of administration in cutting back the ground forces, has asked to be retired June 30 and will be succeeded as Army chief of staff by Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor.



Ridgway's decision to leave on the day before the new military budget becomes effective was disclosed when President Eisenhower sent the Senate a nomination of Taylor to succeed him.

White House press secretary James C. Hagerty said Ridgway wrote a letter to Secretary of the Army Stevens asking for retirement on June 30. Ridgway's term had until Aug. 15 to run. Taylor commanded the 8th Army in some of the bitterest fighting of the Korean War. He is now serving as commander in chief, Far East command, and commander in chief, United Nations command.

His appointment as chief of staff is for a term of two years. Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer will take over Taylor's two commands in the Far East.

#### HEADS 8TH ARMY

Lemnitzer is now commanding general of the Army forces in the Far East and the 8th Army. Ridgway reached the mandatory Army retirement age of 60 last March 31, but the Army retained him on active duty with approval of President Eisenhower.

Ridgway has contended repeatedly that atomic and other new weapons would require more, not fewer, ground forces because of a need to disperse them.

Eisenhower, at a news conference, once referred to a "parochial" view about retention of ground forces at current levels.

#### SPECIAL VIEW

Eisenhower used the term "parochial" as meaning special or limited.

He said, "I came out of World War II with a reputation as a man of daring."

Eisenhower wrote in his book, "Crusade in Europe," in reference to Taylor:

"The risks he ran were greater than I could see any other agent or emissary to undertake during the war."

Taylor went into Italy secretly ahead of the invasion by American forces to sound out Italian Marshal Badoglio on a quick surrender.

Late yesterday, the Russians accepted a compromise solution offered by the West on a key issue of economic concessions, and the way was cleared for the signing on Sunday of a treaty to give Austria's seven million people full freedom after 17 years of military occupation.

#### SATISFACTION TOLD

In an airport statement, Dulles said:

"I have traveled to many capitals on many missions. Never have I felt more satisfaction than I now feel in coming to Vienna to sign the treaty which at long last will make Austria free and independent."

"This has been a central goal of United States policy. Its achievement will be hailed by the American people who have only admiration for the courage and steadfastness of the freedom-loving people of Austria."

Among Dulles' welcomes were U. S. Ambassador Llewellyn E. Thompson Jr., one of the four ambassadors at the treaty negotiations, and Austrian Foreign Minister Leopold Figl, who also attended.

"It has been particularly due to American help that we are now in a position to sign this treaty."

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## Wolfson Lands 3 Spots On Board Of Ward's

CHICAGO (AP)—Louis E. Wolfson apparently landed three places on Montgomery Ward's nine-member board of directors, a tabulation of votes cast at the April 11 election showed today.

Wolfson received proxies for 1,793,398 shares of Ward stock. The Ward management slate received proxies for 4,053,481 shares.

This totals up to 5,846,879 shares to obtain three directors. Wolfson also received 30 per cent of the total vote cast plus three shares. That vote is 1,748,067.

However, stockholders attending the annual meeting in person also

cast votes for individual directors. These votes could conceivably provide a margin of difference between two and three seats on the board for Wolfson.

After the inspectors of the election announced the tally, Wolfson said he definitely had elected three directors. These would be himself, Alexander Pittman III, New York business consultant; and Benjamine Fitz-Gibbon, New York advertising consultant.

A management spokesman said he now has six directors but we can't say definitely if we have six or seven until the recalculation is completed.

By recalculation he meant the allotment of nine votes per share among nominees so as to elect the greatest number of directors.

After the announcement the meeting adjourned until 10:40 a.m. tomorrow when the recalculation of votes will be announced and the full slate of elected directors will be made known.

The battle waged for eight months, pitted the 43-year-old Wolfson against 81-year-old Sewell L. Avery.

Avery stepped out as Ward chairman Monday. He was succeeded by John A. Barr, an urbane man of 47 who took a job with Ward's in 1952.

## Our Weather

Cloudy and mild today with scattered showers and widely scattered thunderstorms. To-morrow, partly cloudy and warmer with widely scattered showers mostly in the afternoon and evening.  
High yesterday, 74.  
High today, 76.  
High tomorrow, 85.  
Low this morning, 61.  
Low tonight, 66.  
Sunrise, 5:51 a.m.; sunset, 7:18 p.m.

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ANOTHER BABY "just like you" is the wish of Mrs. Stephen Stuart (right) as she talks to Mrs. Irwin Sills outside a Santa Monica, Calif., courtroom. A few minutes previously Mrs. Stuart's husband, a pharmacist, was convicted of manslaughter in the "wrong drug" death of Mrs. Sills' 10-day-old son. (AP Wirephoto.)

## WIFE WINS RIGHT TO VISIT PARAKEET

LONG BEACH, Calif.—A Navy shipyard worker got the bird and his wife seeks a divorce, but neither is exactly happy.

George Michael wanted the bird, Betty Joy, a parakeet, but he says he also wants his wife, Betty-Joy, who accused him of mental cruelty.

"I figure that if I can keep the bird she'll come back here," he told Superior Judge Joe Rycraft yesterday. "She loves that bird."

"I love Betty-Joy, but if I went back to George for the sake of the bird, it wouldn't be saying much for me," his wife replied.

Mrs. Michael was granted visitation rights at the divorce hearing.

## Surgeon General Says Vaccine Release Is Momentary

WASHINGTON (AP)—Surgeon General Leonard Scheele said today he expects to release polio vaccine made by Parke-Davis Co. of Detroit "almost momentarily."

Scheele told the House Banking Committee a thorough on-the-spot inspection of manufacture of Salk vaccine by Parke-Davis has been completed.

"It is likely that word is now at all my office regarding findings of the group of scientists which visited Detroit and we will be able to announce the release of Parke-Davis materials as soon or shortly after I return," Scheele said.

Release of Parke-Davis serum will permit limited resumption of the nationwide program for vaccinating first and second grade school children.

#### TEAM SHIFT

Completion of the Parke-Davis check will shift the scientific inspection team to the Eli Lilly Co., Indianapolis.

Scheele called for a shutdown in that program last Sunday to permit a check at each of five manufacturing plants.

Latter inspectors will go to Wyeth Laboratories, Marietta, Pa.; Pitman-Moore, Zionsville, Ind.; and Sharpe and Dohme, Glen Alden, Pa.

Scheele told the committee that this morning 27 cases of polio had been reported among children who received the Salk serum. He said approximately 5 1/2 million children have been vaccinated.

Of the 67 polio cases, he added, 35 received vaccine manufactured

by Cutter Laboratories, Berkeley, Calif. All Cutter vaccine has been withheld from distribution since April 27 pending a complete scientific investigation. There have been ten cases of polio in children who received the Eli Lilly vaccine and two who received Wyeth vaccine.

#### NORMAL OR LESS

Except for the Cutter vaccine cases, Scheele said, the incidence of polio among those vaccinated is normally expected, or even less.

In a 12-page review of the entire vaccine program, Scheele told the committee of his continued strong confidence that the vaccine is safe and effective and that it will be a blessing to mankind.

Yesterday, in a closed-door Banking Committee session, Rep. Multer (D-NY) and some other

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## Evening Prayer

Our Father in heaven, we give Thee thanks for Jesus Christ and His good rule for our lives. Help us to put His rule of love into action in all life's situations, to the honor and glory of our Lord, in whose name this prayer is made. Amen.

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STILL IN GOOD CONDITION after five years, this fence made a baseball bat continue to attract plenty of attention in Mt. Pleasant. H. H. (Ginger) Watts, former

## Committee Kills Annual Session Plan

### House-Approved Bill Is Turned Down

RALEIGH (AP)—A Senate committee today turned thumbs down on the idea of having legislative sessions every year.

Senate Judiciary 2 Committee voted unanimously to kill a bill, already passed by the House, to amend the state constitution so the Legislature would meet every year instead of every other year.

At the same time the committee voted unanimously to give a favorable report to another amendment proposed by Sen. Lunsford of Halifax. Under this amendment the Legislature would still meet every other year but would begin its sessions in February instead of January.

Sponsors of this plan argue that it would enable the Legislature to do a better job of estimating the state's revenues for budget purposes, for it would make the start of the sessions come closer to the time for filing income tax returns in March and April.

If passed by the Senate and House the Crew amendment would have to be submitted to the voters in the next general election.

Backers of the annual sessions plan also argued it would allow the General Assembly to do a better job of preparing the budget.

The annual sessions plan passed the House about 10 days ago on a one-vote margin after having been killed on the House floor and then revived.

The House Committee on Justices of the Peace gave its blessings to a Senate-passed bill aimed at returning some of the houses of the JP system. However, 11 more counties were added to a list of 23 which have been exempted from the bill.

The bill would cut down on the number of JPs and provide that the Superior Court judges could remove them for cause. It would set a uniform system of fees to be charged by JPs in civil cases and would seek to eliminate the "profit motive" in trial of criminal cases. The bill would allow JPs to levy costs of \$4.50 when they convict a defendant.

However, this would be turned over to the county and they would get back \$3.00 for every criminal case tried regardless of whether there was a conviction.

COUNTIES EXEMPTED  
Counties exempted from the measure by the committee were: Jackson, Polk, McDowell, Caswell, Davidson, Surry, Yancey, Northampton, Madison, Franklin and Randolph.

The Senate Rules Committee dropped the ax on five pieces of legislation, including a measure to permit persons between the ages of 16 and 18 to be issued learners' driving permits.

Some of the burned out areas smoldered today. Fire Chief Fred Potts estimated damage at \$10,800.

The fire was discovered in a garage and quickly spread to the Godley & Taylor Co., where a series of explosions blew the roof

# N.C. Convict Shot in Prison Rioting



OLD FRIENDS meet again as William G. Wood (right) and Judge Herman Feldman shake hands in Chicago. Wood, who drank away a law practice but returned when befriended by Judge Feldman last winter, appeared before him yesterday on a disorderly conduct charge. An examination for Wood was ordered by the court. (AP Wirephoto.)

## City Figures Listed

# Tax Valuations Pass 383 Million

The 1955 tax valuation in Charlotte was tabulated today at \$383,814,210.

Report of the valuation for this year was submitted to George B. Livingston, municipal assistant county tax supervisor. While these figures are considerably above the \$328,000,000 used as the basis for the city's 1954-55 budget they are only slightly more than the final valuations of \$382,322,000.

#### FIGURES EXPLAINED

Explanation of this was given in Mr. Williams' letter:

"We have made a comparison of a portion of the corporation returns for 1955 against 1954 and it appears we will show a reduction in the personal valuation of corporations of approximately 10 per cent, due to allowing 5 per cent depreciation on machinery and equipment and an additional 5 per cent on inventories."

"We believe that this 10 per cent allowed corporations will largely be offset with the new construction inside the city this year. Therefore the overall estimated valuations will be about the same as last year's final valuations."

#### THE SUMMARY

The summary of real and personal valuations within the city this year totaling \$383,814,210 shows the following classifications:

White individuals, real, \$166,477,855, personal, \$2,392,015. Total See TAX on page 7-A

## 5 Buildings Destroyed In Eastern N. C. Blaze

WASHINGTON, N.C. (AP)—Five off-peppering a 200-yard area with balls of fire.

A dwelling and a machine shop on either side of the Godley & Taylor Co. burned down with the larger building, which housed farm equipment.

Flames leaped across the street to the Whitaker stores, which also were destroyed. Seven miles from the building were saved.

Flames from the stable building burned out wiring and transformers of the Washington Daily News Building, backed against the Whitaker Building, and for a while even threatened the fire department adjoining the Daily News Building.

Several firemen suffered minor burns, but there were no serious injuries among the 16 firemen and volunteers who fought the blaze. The fire chief reported that his own shoes were burned off.

Chief Potts set damage to the Godley & Taylor building at \$75,000. The fire chief reported that his own shoes were burned off.

An investigation was under way today to determine the cause of the explosions. Potts said they might have come from several gas tanks and containers of crop spray in the farm equipment building. The fire chief said he counted a total of eight explosions.

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## Five Lock Selves In Cell Block

GREENVILLE (AP)—One of five rioting convicts at the Pitt County Prison Camp was shot Friday after they locked themselves inside their cell block and threw bottles at officers who attempted to get them out.

Prison Camp Supt. Paul Crawford said he shot a prisoner, Timothy J. Noonan, when the convict started beating another prisoner, Willie Brantley, over the head with a poker. Crawford said the extent of Noonan's wounds could not be determined because the prisoners were still locked inside their cell block.

Prison guards were reinforced by state highway patrolmen, deputies, Greenville police and firemen.

OFFICERS STAND BY  
The officers, armed with tear gas and fire hoses, were standing by awaiting the arrival of Prison Director William F. Bailey from Raleigh.

Crawford said some 45 other prisoners in the cell block were not taking part in the riot, but the five had threatened to kill any that came out. He said they apparently were holding Brantley, as a hostage.

Trouble at the camp started last night when one of the five, William Hunter, became unruly after Crawford had denied his request for permission to visit his family. Crawford related. He said Hunter drew a knife on officers who attempted to remove him from the cell block.

FINN LOCK  
Crawford said four other prisoners took Hunter's part and they decided to let the situation "cool" until morning. Around 6 a.m. they returned to find the prisoners had placed a lock on the cell block door from the inside.

An effort was made to cut the lock with an acetylene torch but the five thwarted this by hurling bottles. Crawford said that at this time Noonan began hitting Brantley with the poker. He said he gave orders that no further force be used. However, Crawford made until he arrives from Raleigh.

Hunter, 21, is from Raleigh, and is serving terms totaling about 11 years for breaking and entering, escape and assault. Noonan, from Newington, Mass., is serving a term from Carteret County for breaking and entering.

Prison officers identified the other three prisoners involved as Lester Jenkins, 24, of Wilmington, serving five years for crime against nature; Edward Earl Stepps, 22, serving 10 years from Greene County for highway robbery; and James H. Brown, 21, of Dover, Tenn., serving 10 years for armed robbery.

## City Drenched By Flash Rain

A hard-driving thunderstorm that roared in at break-neck speeds and machine shop on either side of the Godley & Taylor Co. burned down with the larger building, which housed farm equipment.

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## Nationalist Planes Hit Armed Junks

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Chiang Kai-shek's warplanes attacked a fleet of more than 20 armed motorized junks today in the first reported Formosa Strait action in a week, the Nationalist Air Force said.

It claimed the warplanes destroyed one junk, heavily damaged another and inflicted light damage on several.

The attack was reported west of Red-Red Pingtan Island, 35 miles south of the Matsus group and 80 miles west of Formosa.

The planes attacked shortly after 8 a.m. in bad weather, the Air Force said.