

### State GOP Chiefs Said Ready To Oust Democrats From Top Federal Jobs Where Possible

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WASHINGTON—Oregon Republican leaders have been burning the midnight oil over federal statutes since inauguration day to determine how many and which Democrats they can hoist out of office in Oregon to make room for their own friends.

The number is relatively small, compared to depression days when make-work assignments were handed out each morning after breakfast by former Senator Alfred E. Reams during his brief appointive term in 1938 and by former Governor Walter Pierce in the early thirties while he was still in favor with President Roosevelt as a Congressman.

Prosperity and civil service have cut down both the appeal and the number of federal jobs that automatically change hands with the advent of a new administration. Biggest plums are federal judgeships—but today there are no vacancies on the bench, and Republicans will have to await death or retirement of present judges before appointing their own. Ironically, there is a Republican appointee sitting as senior judge of the U. S. District Court of Oregon at Portland. He is James Alge Fee, who was appointed by President Hoover in 1931. The other two judges were Democratic appointees—Judge Claude McCulloch in 1937 and

### Talbott to Face Questioning on Air Force Job

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Armed Services Committee Saturday called Harold E. Talbott to a public hearing Monday for further questioning on his nomination as secretary of the air force.

Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) said he wants to ask Talbott about two reports that "raise questions of public policy which are important to have clarified."

Kefauver said he voted against Talbott's nomination Thursday when the committee overwhelmingly approved it, because he wanted time to study several documents.

Among these, he said, are two he wants "clarified" by Talbott, 65-year-old executive of Chrysler and other corporations who has agreed to sell his stock in government-contracting firms. His nomination is on the Senate calendar for a vote on confirmation Monday.

Kefauver identified the two reports as:

1. A 1951 House report by a Defense Investigating Subcommittee headed by Rep. Hardy (D-Va.) He said it charged that questionable price and trade agreements in the automotive industry forced the government to pay 305 million dollars extra for automobile parts from 1949-51.

2. A World War I report which raised many questions about the Dayton Wright Co., then making aircraft for the government. Talbott was then president of Dayton Wright Co., later acquired by General Motors and liquidated after a long court battle with the government over profits and taxes.

When he appeared before the committee, Talbott was questioned about the aviation report, made by the late Charles Evans Hughes. He said there was nothing improper in his or the company's action on the World War I contracts.

ICELAND POWER  
NEW YORK (INS)—Iceland's housewives, long plagued with that country's shortage of wood and coal, soon will be provided with more abundant electric power. Generators capable of producing nearly 55,000 horsepower, are being installed at two new major hydro-electric power plants now under construction at the cities of Sogsvirkjun and Laxavirkjun.

### Storm Flags Still Flying

SEATTLE (AP)—Southwest storm warnings were continued at 4 p. m. Sunday by the weather bureau from Tatoosh, Wash., to Astoria, Ore.

South to southeast winds 25 to 40 miles an hour were forecast for Sunday night, becoming 25-35 miles an hour from a west-southwest direction Monday.

At the same time the weather bureau continued small craft warnings for the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Inland waters of Washington and south of Astoria to Cape Blanco, Ore.

South to southeast winds increasing to 15-30 miles an hour on the coast were forecast for Sunday night. Inland waters of Washington and the Strait were slated for 25-35 mile winds late Sunday night.

The storm and small craft warnings originally were posted at 4 p. m. Saturday.

### Warden, Guards Quell Women Cons

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP)—It took Warden Hugh Christie and four male guards to quell a disturbance at Okalla prison in suburban Burnaby.

It all happened in the women's section, Thursday, but it wasn't made public until Saturday.

Two teen-agers and an older woman staged a day-long disturbance during which they barricaded themselves in a room, smashed several small windows and turned on water taps.

The rebels wielded putty knives and brooms Saturday to clean up the mess, Warden Christie reported.

### Raise Offered To Carpenters

PORTLAND (AP)—A wage boost of 10 and 25 cents an hour has been offered to most of Oregon's 11,000 AFL carpenters.

An hourly wage of \$2.55 was offered by the Associated General Contractors to the carpenters. That scale would mean a 10-cent boost for building construction workers and a 25-cent increase for heavy construction.

The 900 carpenters working for the Portland Home Building Association are not included in the offer. They are expected to also seek a 10-cent hourly increase from the present pay of \$2.45.

### Moscow, Idaho Fire Under Control

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP)—A fire which threatened to engulf a block of Moscow's business district by mid-afternoon Saturday was brought under control at about 2 p. m. (PST) after raging for six hours.

The blaze, which broke out in a 14-ton coal pile in the basement of Shorty's Place, a pool hall and tavern, spread before noon to envelop three other establishments and damage three more.

There was no official estimate of damage, but first reports indicated that damage may rise as high as \$200,000.

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