

Stevens Denies Plans to Quit; Kyes to Resign

By G. MILTON KELLY
WASHINGTON (U) — Robert T. Stevens formally announced Saturday he intends to remain secretary of the Army and not resign because of "some stormy weather" with Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.). Stevens said "nothing could be further from the truth" than reports he intended to follow the lead of one of his key assistants and turn in his resignation as an outgrowth of his scrap with McCarthy.

Ike Joins in Army Songs At Banquet

WASHINGTON (U) — President Eisenhower joined heartily Saturday night in singing old Army ballads at the annual dinner of the White House Correspondents Assn. honoring him.

The President sang out lustily as song writer Irving Berlin led some 750 guests in the melody "oh how I hate to get up in the morning," which Berlin wrote while he was in the Army in 1918.

Eisenhower got a big kick, too, when Berlin sang a song which he composed for the occasion.

With the controversy involving Secretary of the Army Stevens and Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) fresh in the minds of all on hand, Berlin drew a big chuckle from the President in singing a song that went "oh, how I'd like to be back in the Army — gee, I'd like to be back in the Army," where there's "always somebody higher up to whom you can pass the buck."

"Another song he could have sung was 'I want to go back to where I came from,'" Eisenhower chuckled.

Stevens, who sat a few seats to the President's left at the head table, said after the dinner he got "a terrific bang" out of the Army songs. He told friends he plans to remain in the government as long as I can be of any value.

There had been reports, since Stevens' clash with McCarthy that he might resign.

Harry Weller Succumbs in West Salem

Harry M. Weller, 70, former night watchman for the West Salem Mill, died unexpectedly Saturday night at his home at 296 McNary Ave.

A resident of Salem for the past 10 years, he retired from his watchman position several months ago. Born June 8, 1883 in Missouri, Weller moved here in 1944 from Steamboat, Colo.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lucy Weller, Salem; daughter, Mrs. Edna Hinkle, Randle, Wash.; son, Leonard Weller, Moses Lake, Wash.; brothers, J. D. Weller, Waverly, Ill., and Jud Weller, Topeka, Kan.; sister, Mrs. Seba Wellman, Rule, Tex.; and five grandchildren.

The funeral home in charge of the service had not been announced late Saturday night.

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He quit his \$10,000-a-year job Friday. Kane said he hoped Stevens would stay on although he contended some of the secretary's superiors had failed to offer "full fighting support" in the "gallant battle you are trying to put up for the Army."

Stevens and McCarthy pulled on the gloves over the senator's methods in questioning Army officers while probing for Reds.

Kyes to Resign

There was one top echelon resignation at the Pentagon Saturday. Deputy Secretary of Defense Roger M. Kyes is quitting May 1. A former General Motors official, Kyes had agreed to serve only a year, and the year ended Feb. 2.

Both the White House and Pentagon said his resignation had no relation to the Stevens-McCarthy ruckus.

Stevens said he intends to stay on at the pleasure of Secretary of Defense Wilson and President Eisenhower.

Complete Surprise

Stevens said Kane's resignation was a complete surprise.

The secretary said, too, that "at no time since I took office have I ever considered the matter of submitting my resignation."

Sen. Mundt (R-SD) told a reporter Saturday Stevens had planned to resign, and he talked the secretary out of it, at the height of the hassle with McCarthy.

The battle centers around Stevens' complaint that McCarthy, in hunting for communism in the Army, had abused and humiliated Brig. Gen. Ralph W. Zwicker, who followed orders and granted an honorable discharge to an Army dentist, Maj. Irving Peress, whom McCarthy accused of being a "fifth amendment Communist." McCarthy contends he never abuses witnesses.

Bills Seek to Dispose of Milk Surplus

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Man Convicted Of Killing Wife

DENVER (U) — Le Roy A. Leick, 30, was convicted Saturday night of first degree murder in the Dec. 1 strangulation slaying of his pretty wife, Evelyn, 28.

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Columbia Police Slay Kidnaper

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia (U) — Nicolas Saade, 4 year old son of a wealthy retired industrialist, was returned to his parents Friday midnight after being in the hands of a kidnaper for 12 hours. The kidnaper was slain by police.

Police captured Alfonso Echeona as he sought to collect a 200,000 peso (\$80,000) ransom and forced him to tell them where he was hiding the youngster. A short time later police said they had to kill Echeona when he attempted to escape.

KOIN-TV Plans Higher Tower

PORTLAND (U) — KOIN-TV officials said Saturday they would start construction within two weeks on a new and higher television antenna at Sylvan, atop the West Hills here.

The \$30,000 tower is to be 1,336 feet high. The station plans to increase radiated power from the present 56,000 watts to 100,000 watts. Completion is expected by June 15.

MOTORIST ARRESTED

Roscoe Douglas Cogswell, Dallas Route 1, was arrested by state police Saturday night on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Distraction



LONG BEACH, Calif.—Tool crib operator Lucille Ballinger, of Fullerton, Calif., put a crimp in production at Long Beach's Douglas Aircraft plant when she turned up for work with her hair dyed bright green. Plant officials sent her home to re-do it a natural brown before reporting for work. She did as instructed. (AP Wirephoto.)

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Sen. Byrd Says Income Estimate Too Optimistic

WASHINGTON (U) — Sen. Byrd (D-Va.) said Saturday the Eisenhower administration's estimate of the deficit in the next financial year is so optimistic that the red ink figure easily could be doubled or tripled.

The President in his budget message to Congress in January estimated that the deficit would total \$2,900,000,000 for the year beginning July 1, 1954.

Byrd Saturday proposed a budget of his own, carrying three billion dollars of additional spending cuts to bring the Eisenhower income and outgo figures into balance.

DRIVER FACES CHARGE

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NEW YORK (U) — A man described as the "apparent successor" to the late Irvin (Waxy) Gordon was held in stiff bail Saturday after what a top official called the biggest narcotics raid in more than 30 years.

The raiders seized heroin and opium they estimated was worth \$2,117,500 in the retail market.

Waxy Gordon's reputed spiritual heir was listed as Saul Gelb, 37, a New Yorker. Officials tagged him as "one of the most important narcotics violators in the country at this time."

He is an Austrian born alien against whom a deportation action has been pending for some time.

Gelb was arraigned on charges of receiving and concealing narcotics. When he told U. S. Commissioner Edward D. McDonald he couldn't raise \$75,000 bail despite his seeming affluence, he was taken away to a detention pen for a hearing March 12.

Russ Cabinet Change Made

MOSCOW (U) — The Soviet government Sunday announced the second Cabinet change in a week — this time the appointment of a new minister of consumer goods which is important in the drive to raise living standards.

Alexei Kozgin, a deputy premier, was relieved of his post as minister of consumer goods without a reason being given. He was replaced by Nikita Ryzhov, who has been deputy minister of industrial goods of mass consumption.

Germans Use Bug Poison In Suicides

FRANKFURT, Germany (U) — A Bonn government authorities moved Saturday to check a wave of West German bug poison suicides after 24 persons had taken their lives in the past few days with insecticide.

The poison became widely known through a triple murder case.

The Interior Ministry advised all West German states to restrict the insecticide sale and also announced it was preparing an ordinance regulating its distribution. It has been freely available in pharmacies.

The rapid - killing poison was widely mentioned in West German newspapers after Christa Lehmann, 29 year old widow from Worms, confessed last week she used it to kill her father-in-law, her best girl friend and her husband.

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Negro Named to Labor Post



WASHINGTON — Secretary of Labor James Mitchell, right, poses with J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago Negro attorney, after President Eisenhower nominated Wilkins to be assistant secretary of labor. Wilkins, 46, is a native of Farmington, Mo. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Jury Convicts Man of Killing Policeman

SAN FRANCISCO (U) — Harold Miller was convicted of first degree murder Saturday for shooting down Police Inspector Denis Bradley in a gun battle last October. The jury recommended life imprisonment.

Miller, a 26-year-old ex-convict, was also convicted of kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon, possession of narcotics, and violating a law prohibiting ex-convicts from carrying guns.

After the shooting last Oct. 7, Miller escaped from other police, kidnaped two youths and forced them to drive him to Los Angeles where he was caught up in a police dragnet as he left a theater.

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Five Midwest and three mid-Atlantic states, however, have the greatest number of unemployed, accounting for nearly half the nation's jobless population.

Guns Sent to Cuban Rebels

NEW YORK (U) — An official said Saturday two men arrested Friday in the seizure of 1,000 hand grenades and other weapons in a deserted-looking Manhattan store already had sent three shipments of arms to Cuba.

The men, political opponents of Cuban President Fulgencio Batista, sent two shipments last November and one in January from the same store, Asst. Dist. Atty. Ernest Mittler declared.

Mittler said the men, Roberto Oscar Acevedo, 35, and Mario Cruz, 33, both of New York, were part of a "plot to overthrow the present administration in Cuba."

They were arraigned Saturday on charges of possessing firearms and conspiracy to possess them and were held in \$50,000 bail each for hearing March 15.

Newspapers in Columbia Told to Print Just 'Facts'

BOGOTA, Colombia (U) — The government issued a decree Saturday ordering Colombian newspapers to confine themselves to factual reporting.

The decree provides imprisonment in the penal colony for terms ranging from six months to two years and fines from 100 pesos (\$40) to 50,000 pesos (\$20,000) for persons who transmit, write, edit, assist in editing or distribute writings or clandestine publications in which legitimately constituted authorities are insulted or lied about.

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