

GOP Already Jockeying for Knowland's Job

By JACK BELL.
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—Backstage jockeying already is under way among Republicans to line up support for Sen. Dirksen of Illinois to succeed Sen. Knowland of California as the Senate's GOP leader.

Although Knowland will not step down from the leadership post until the end of the session next year, Dirksen's friends already are laying political lines to land the job for him.

These colleagues apparently are preparing to fight any effort that may be made by all-out Eisenhower supporters to put one of their number in the post as a means toward carrying out the President's program to "modernize" his party.

In this connection there has been mention of the names of Sens. Clifford Case of New Jersey, Bush of Connecticut and Saltonstall of Massachusetts.

Saltonstall, who has been named by Sen. Thye of Minnesota as his personal choice for the leadership job, is chairman of the Conference of All Republican Senators. He may want to retain that post.

Bush is a frequent presidential going partner.

Case had Eisenhower's fervent support in his 1954 race for the Senate. He has been a consistent backer of the President's program.

Dirksen was named party "whip" or assistant leader, earlier this month in a move initiated by Knowland to give Midwesterners representation in the leadership lineup. In this role, Dirksen sits in on White House conferences with the President, whose nomination he opposed strenuously in 1952.

At that time, Dirksen was supporting the late Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio.

Since Eisenhower's first election, Dirksen has supported the President's proposals generally, but has differed with him on some major issues.

Asked about Dirksen last fall during the election campaign, Eisenhower said at a news conference that the Illinois senator had once been "known as an isolationist" but had become "a very valuable lieutenant" for him.

Knowland had made it clear that as leader he thinks his primary responsibility is to Senate Republicans, rather than always to carry the ball for what the President wants.

While Eisenhower has been warm in his praise of Knowland, the California's opposition to some proposals hasn't pleased some of the President's associates.

There are strong signs that if Dirksen attained the leadership, he would follow the Knowland formula.

Fight to Curb Wage-Price Line Seen by Ike's Aids

By STERLING F. GREEN.
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—Administration officials predicted today that President Eisenhower will call for a national effort to hold the price-wage line against inflation when he sends his annual economic report to Congress this week. But they said he probably will omit his 1956 request for consideration of a standby credit control law.

The recommendations are expected on Wednesday when the third and last of the major presidential messages goes to the new Congress.

Eisenhower can be expected to forecast further advances in national production and income to new peaks in 1957, administration advisers said privately, but at a possibly slower rate of gain than in the last year.

They indicated the President will re-emphasize his plea to industry and labor unions for "reasonable" pricing policies and wage demands, so as to thwart what he described in his State of the Union message as "the thief" of inflation.

This week's message will show that consumer prices have climbed almost 3 per cent since last year's economic report, while wholesale prices have advanced more than 4 per cent.

In the same period consumers have boosted their total installment debt to successive monthly records. But the rate of increase has slowed and one administration official said that the question of power to regulate down payments and the length of installment contracts "is not an active subject now."

Father Burns After Wife, Baby Saved

DECATUR, Ill., Jan. 20 (AP)—A young father died in his blazing apartment today after seeing his wife and baby drop to safety from a window of their second-floor bedroom.

Another tenant, a 70-year-old woman, was seriously injured in a leap after an explosion in the basement lifted the two-story frame house partly off its foundations, and sent flames racing through it.

The body of Vernon Leon True, 25, was found in ruins of the completely destroyed brick house three hours after the blast, which Fire Chief Lyn Martin attributed to a gas accumulation in the cellar.

True's wife, Judith, 20, told police Sgt. Albert Schwaibe that she was awakened by the blast, and roused her husband. They took their 6-week-old son, Kevin Leon, from his crib, and attempted to descend the stairs, but were driven back by heat.

"My husband cleared glass fragments from the window, and I dropped Kevin to some men below," Mrs. True said. "The men urged us to jump, and said they would catch us, but Vernon said he was too heavy, and would go to a porch window to get out. I jumped, and they caught me."

Mrs. True and the child were caught without injury by center Hal Fuson and other members of the Millikin University football team.

Nixon Says Congress to Support Ike

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—Vice President Nixon today predicted Congress will pass President Eisenhower's Middle East resolution "substantially in the form that it has been proposed."

"I don't mean no changes at all be made," Nixon said, adding that neither he nor President Eisenhower is necessarily "wedded" to the exact wording of the resolution.

But he said both the standby military authority and economic help proposed in the resolution are needed "to create a really sound peace"—and for this reason he said he does not believe Congress will put too many restrictions on the disputed economic aid provision.

Nixon spoke in a radio-television interview with Rep. Keating (R-NY). The program was filmed before Friday's Moscow-Peking declaration of "any necessary support" to Middle East peoples against "aggression and interference" in their affairs.

Wedding Bill High

PARIS, Jan. 20 (AP)—French newspapers estimated the Count of Paris spent about \$30,000 on the marriage of his daughter, Princess Helene, to Count Evrard de Limbourg-Stirum of Belgium.

Dear Ann Landers:

Husband Worries, Wife Gone at Night

Dear Ann: I've been married four years to a girl who is 22. I'm 38. When we were first wed I didn't think the difference in age mattered. Now I'm not so sure.

She doesn't work and we have no children. I don't know what she does all day. It's a cinch she doesn't clean the house. My shirts go to the laundry and she hates to cook. Every night she sends out for pizza or spaghetti.

But I didn't marry her to cook and clean. Ann, this isn't the problem. She's started to run with a bunch of divorced girls. They call themselves a sewing club but I've never seen any of them hold a needle.

Last night my wife came in at 6 a.m. and she'd been drinking. She told me the girls had been celebrating an old Norwegian custom called the "Hook-Rug Festival." Have you ever heard of hooking rugs until 6:00 a.m.? Please tell me what you think.—ALFY

No, I've never heard of the old Norwegian custom of hooking rugs until 6 a.m. Why not ask her if she's heard of the old American custom of coming home to sleep?

This girl wants to enjoy the privileges of marriage without accepting the responsibilities. A visit to a marriage counselor could be an education for your wife. Insist she make an honest effort to live up to her marriage vows. She can start by preparing a decent meal. Anyone who can read can cook.

Dear Ann I'm a 19-year-old sophomore in college and have been dating a 17-year-old high school girl. She's wonderful in every way but there's one thing that irritates me terribly and may break us up.

I was raised in a home where smoking and drinking by teenagers is frowned upon. My girl friend's background is entirely different. She smokes a great deal and her mother has offered her cigarettes in my presence. Whenever I see a cigarette in her mouth it destroys a little of what I feel for her. She says I must accept her as she is or not at all.

Am I narrow-minded and old-fashioned or do I just plain have a screw loose on this subject? Please tell me.—HANK

There may be more involved here than just the lovely weed. The cigarette has probably become her symbol of independence and she's using it to defy you to bend her will.

She has the right to tell you to accept her as she is or not at all. And you have the right to take her up on it. Some individuals are willing to drop a habit to please a loved one. Apparently she considers this an attempt to curtail her personal freedom and resents it.

Since you find her smoking such an irritant, better get a girl whose background is more like your own. Sooner or later this romance is bound to go up in smoke.

Dear Ann The answers to other people's problems seem so simple when I read them in your column. Maybe you can do the same for me.

I have four children in school and a husband who wears a clean white shirt to work every day. My laundry is staggering and I do it all myself. I have a nice room house and the family is accustomed to seeing it clean. I could get through my work nicely if it weren't for the next door neighbor who comes over every single morning to visit.

This woman brings a sweet-roll with her and asks if there's any coffee around. Then she starts to jabber and before I know she's offering to fry eggs for lunch in my kitchen. She's a nice person. Ann and has done me a great many favors but I think it's brassy the way she comes in and takes up my time. What can I do without insulting her?—MRS STUCK

The first thing you can do is make certain this neighbor doesn't do you any more "favors." Apparently you're indebted to her or she wouldn't feel free to impose so regularly.

Next you can greet her with a map, vacuum sweeper or broom and invite her to pitch in. Explain that you simply must get your work done. After a few days of this routine, she'll probably stay at home and do her own work.

Linda Darnell To Wed Flier

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 20 (AP)—Actress Linda Darnell and airline pilot M. R. (Robby) Robertson have disclosed they will be married, she for the third time and he for the first.

The 33-year-old actress told friends of the engagement while working on the set of a television film. Robertson, 38, confirmed the announcement Saturday after completing his American Airlines Chicago-to-Los Angeles freight flight.

Miss Darnell said the wedding probably will be in February, when her schedule will give her time for a honeymoon. She said she wants a church wedding.

Her previous husbands were cameraman J. Peverell Marley and Philip Liebman, a New York brewer.

Women on Okinawa 'Liberated'

By ROBERT PROSSER.
 NAHA, Okinawa, Jan. 20 (AP)—Women's rights have won out over feudalism and Okinawan women celebrated emancipation today with a victory parade through the streets of Naha.

Garrying small paper flags bearing the Japanese character for "celebration," 1,000 women marched a long International Street to observe the establishment of a new civil legal code.

Under the new code, which came into effect with the new year, any Okinawan adult can marry or divorce without the permission of the head of his family. The new law also gives the wife the same easy access to divorce that the man in the family always has had.

Under the prewar code, men

obtain a divorce unless the action was approved by families.

Under the feudalistic family system, parents ruled their children and husbands ruled their wives. The head of the family, usually the oldest male, decided where the family would live, what its members would do, when and whom the young members would marry and when to have children.

The husband, under the old law, could divorce his wife if she stepped out with another man. The wife had no such rights in return. Now either party can obtain a divorce if he or she has been abandoned for more than three years, when one party to the marriage suffers from an incurable mental disorder, or for a variety of reasons lumped under "incompatibility."

Lawmaker Advocates Whitman Home Shrine

SOUTHERN HUNTINGTON, N.Y., Jan. 20 (AP)—A New York State senator said he will introduce a bill in the Legislature to make the birth place of poet Walt Whitman a historical site to be maintained by the state. Sen. Elisha T. Barrett said he has been assured the bill will have bipartisan support.

The Whitman home, built about 1810, has been maintained by private funds and a yearly grant of \$2,000 from this Long Island town.



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