

Angry Ike Denies GOP Contribution Influenced His Ambassador Choice

By FRANK CORMIER
WASHINGTON, July 31.—A visibly angry President Eisenhower said today the \$25,500 contributed to the Republican party by businessman Maxwell H. Gluck didn't figure in Gluck's appointment as ambassador to Ceylon.

"I don't take it very kindly as

suggesting I would be influenced by such things," Eisenhower told his news conference.

Eisenhower's face reddened and he thrust his jaw forward as he discussed the appointment, approved by the Senate without debate on July 3.

The appointment became a matter of controversy only this week.

The storm came after publication of Senate testimony in which Gluck said he couldn't name the prime minister of Ceylon, Solomon Bandaranaike. Gluck also said he couldn't pronounce the name of Ceylon's Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

Gluck gave this testimony July 2 at a closed hearing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. At the same session he said he gave \$25,000 to \$30,000 to the GOP in 1956. The recent report of the Senate Elections Subcommittee listed his gifts at \$25,500.

Eisenhower said that, of course, he knew Gluck wasn't thoroughly familiar with Ceylonese affairs. But he said the 57-year-old businessman and horse breeder can certainly learn.

Gluck held a news conference of his own today, at the State Department, and reported he has already learned a lot.

The new diplomat said he actually knew the names of Bandaranaike and Nehru when the Senate committee questioned him. But he said he hesitated to say them aloud because they are "difficult" to pronounce.

Gluck, head of the 40-unit Darling Stores chain, said he has since gone over these names and can now pronounce them.

He said he has been "intensively briefed" and is sure he will make a good ambassador.

Soft-Spoken Merchant

The soft-spoken merchant of women's apparel said he has no intention of asking Eisenhower to withdraw the appointment.

He readily conceded he is sorry at all the publicity given his Senate testimony.

The newsmen who questioned Eisenhower about Gluck also wanted to know if the President had known of Gluck's "ignorance" of Asian affairs.

Eisenhower replied that he knew Gluck had never been to Ceylon. But he added, "I am sure he can learn if he is the kind of character and kind of man we believe him to be."

He said Gluck's business career had been carefully examined and that the FBI reports on him were all good.

Eisenhower said Gluck was chosen to go to Ceylon from a group of men that were recommended highly by a number of people I respect.

The merchant's political contributions were never mentioned to him as a consideration, Eisenhower said.

"If anybody is ever recommended to me on the basis of any contribution he has ever made to any political party that man will never be considered," the President declared.

Appointment Surprises

Gluck, who described himself as semi-retired, related he was surprised by the appointment.

I originally didn't ask for the post," he said. "I tried only to get some government position where I could do some good at it."

The Washington Post and Times Herald published on its front page Sunday excerpts from the transcript of the Senate hearing at which Gluck testified.

In the wake of this the Foreign Relations Committee decided to hold public hearings on all future ambassadorial nominations. It also arranged to question Undersecretary of State Christian Herter tomorrow on the State Department's policy in recommending such nominations.

Worker Talks Boss Out of Suicide Try

NEW YORK, July 31.—A textile worker talked her boss down off her perch on the 22nd floor of an apartment building after police had diverted the executive from an apparent suicide attempt.

Helio Lorge, who said Mrs. Rose Williams in George Wind, president of Goldenrod Textiles, was and 38th St. He had been on the roof for 45 minutes.

Mr. Wind will you come to me," she continued.

At that the 62-year-old Wind climbed down from the pipe railing around the airshaft. As he did so he said "Look at my hands. They're dirty. Can I wash them?"

Wind was spotted by a special policeman in the building who notified other officers. While several of them began to extend a net across the shaft at a lower level, Patrolman Charles Greene talked to him.

Police quoted the textile man as saying he had been having business difficulties.

House Votes for Expansion of Social Security

WASHINGTON, July 31.—The House today passed and sent to the Senate bills to expand Social Security coverage to include additional nonfederal employees now covered by state or interstate retirement systems.

One bill would add California, Connecticut and Rhode Island to the list of states and Hawaii which already are permitted to divide their state retirement systems into two parts. It would give employees there the option of remaining in their present systems or transferring their retirements to Social Security old-age coverage.

Another bill would afford the same option to employees in interstate agencies like bridge, tunnel or port authorities.

Zoo Payment Okehd

PORTLAND, July 31.—The Board of City Council today approved the payment of \$51,000 to the Oregon Highway Commission for a new overpass approach to the city zoo.

Byrnes Visits In Portland, Raps Court

PORTLAND, July 31.—James F. Byrnes, an occasional critic of the Supreme Court on which he once served today said the federal government is encroaching upon the rights of the 48 states.

Byrnes told a press conference here he objects to the court ruling that a witness can stand on the Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer questions on noncriminal matters.

If a state cannot enact a law that says it can require an employee in state whether he is a communist, then you have in fact lost control of schools," he said.

The one-time U. S. Secretary of State declined to further discuss political matters at the conference but talked freely about the sales tax South Carolina enacted while he was governor of the state from 1951-1955.

Have Best Schools

Byrnes said the state became more attractive to industry when the 1 per cent sales tax was created.

South Carolina collected \$136,000 from its residents in 1955, Byrnes said, including more than \$4 million dollars from the sales tax.

In the same year Oregon's income tax collection brought in \$129,328,000.

Industry also is interested he said in the nature of state government whether it is run by demagogues.

Byrnes said that in his first year as governor he allocated 70 per cent of the first 100 million dollars from the sales tax to build new schools for Negro students.

More Attractive

As a result, Negro children have the best schools in South Carolina, because they are the newest schools, Byrnes said.

Byrnes is here in four facilities of the Georgia Pacific Corp., of which he is a stockholder.

Wilson Resignation Rumored Near

WASHINGTON, July 31.—A rumor went around Washington today that Secretary of Defense William P. Clegg expected resignation may be near.

A report spread at the Air Force convention here that the resignation would be made known tomorrow. Asked about this White House press secretary James H. Hagerty would say only:

There is nothing about the resignation, believe me at the moment.

Wilson's intention to leave the government has been known for some time.

Fire Burns Salem Heights Grass Area

Salem Heights, July 31.—Fire apparently spreading from an unattended trash burner, burned over ten acres of grass in a prime residential area of Salem today.

Firefighters fought the blaze at the Kenneth Zwick residence, 480 W. Madison Ave.

Liberty Salem Heights Fire Dept. Normal Hixson said the fire apparently started about 9:30 p.m. when flames shot from a burner in which Zwick had been burning rubbish. Damage was negligible.

Hixson said the fire could have been controlled.

Hixson said the fire illustrates the danger in leaving a trash burner unattended. Regulations require that burners be covered with screen and surrounded by a 10-foot cleared area.

WHEELS TO GO

Marion County Sheriff's office today announced the sale of the theft of four wheelchairs and a fertilizer tank trailer which was parked in a farm near Marion.

The trailer was found in the possession of a man near Marion.

Emerson of the Lilly Seed & Seed Co. at Albany.

The Weather

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Baker 75 45

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