

AP Reporter Studies Morse

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tion which he did. If his reasons are not satisfactory to them, it is their opportunity to remove him from his seat at the next election."

Senator Morse, who voted against the tax reduction bill as well as the labor measure, plans to seek re-nomination and re-election to the Senate in 1950. He says:

"I know the United States Chamber of Commerce is after my political scalp. It will be a good fight. It is my conviction that an overwhelming majority of the people in Oregon, once they come to understand the weaknesses of the legislation (the labor act), will take the position that I did exactly right in voting against it."

He has tangled often with Sen. Robert A. Taft (Ohio) on labor and other issues, but Morse declared recently during debate: "I want to say to the senator that I have received from him the finest of personal and professional dealing."

Morse contends that "there is a place for my views just as there is a place for the views of those to whom we refer as more conservative. That's because our party finds its greatest strength and its only hope for progress in hammering out a middle-of-the-road pattern, a fair compromise between our views."

Opponent of Reece
One of Morse's larger wallpops was aimed at the Republican high command when he said of Carroll Reece (Tenn.):

"His election as Republican national chairman will cost the party several million votes."

On the other hand, Morse has claimed that he made more speeches in behalf of Republican candidates during the 1946 campaign than any other Republican sena-

tor except those who were candidates themselves.

He has hit hard at the Democrats, too. He accused President Truman of "ham acting" in including an announcement of the settlement of the railway strike in 1946 in his speech to Congress asking legislation to deal with the strike. Morse contended that the White House knew the strike was off some hours before the President announced it in his speech.

The senator later withdrew the statement in a speech on the Senate floor and wrote a letter of apology to the President. On several occasions he has praised Mr. Truman's actions. He said his labor veto message was "magnificent."

Outdid Other Freshmen
When Morse came to the Senate in January, 1945, he was rated one of the country's leading experts on labor-management problems. He had been a member of the War Labor Board for two years and an arbitrator of labor disputes on the Pacific coast for seven years.

Morse is said to have made more speeches in his first six months in the Senate than all of the other freshmen Senators put together. The Senate press gallery nicknamed him "the 5 o'clock shadow" because he started making a daily speech at 5 p. m., which frequently resulted in delaying recess for the day.

Oregon farm needs were a favorite subject. Day after day, he told how Oregon sheep farmers were losing money on a certain breed of lambs. He demanded that the OPA lift its controls on them. On the day the Senate approved the United Nations charter, Morse made a scholarly speech on international problems and then in the last "crucial" five minutes before the historic vote was taken, slipped in a few words about Oregon lambs.

MRS PEAVY DIES
CORVALLIS—(AP)—Mrs. Leona Peavy, 77, wife of George W. Peavy, president emeritus of Oregon State College, died here Saturday. Funeral services will be held here Monday.

Mother Rejoices Home For Her Regained Son

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seeing you in a few weeks." Mrs. Kress' letter was signed, "Love, Mom."

The young mother disclosed this weekend that the foster parents lived in Medford five months last year. They left in November. She said the secret service informed her that Mrs. Kress had been suspected of taking personal files from the Medford public welfare

office when she left her job as social worker there. While they lived in Medford, the Kress' letters were postmarked from Washington, D. C.

Arrested on Check Charge
Mrs. Kress, said Police Chief L. L. Pittenger in Eugene, was arrested in Juneau on charges of cashing Mrs. Jones' allotment checks while her husband was in the army. Notes written for Pittenger's use in trying to solve the case asserted that Mrs. Kress cashed a \$60 check at a Juneau jewelry store, using Mrs. Jones' maiden name and writing the check on a bank in Brawley, Calif., which has been out of business for 10 years.

Mrs. Jones' furniture reportedly was sold by Mrs. Kress while it was in storage in Eugene, but Mrs. Jones said she did not know about this until the buyer questioned her about some pieces he did not receive.

Mrs. Kress was described by her adopted daughter as "a woman who can put on an act at the drop of the hat."

"When I displeased her, she would burst into tears, then fall into a dead faint on the floor. But I got wise to that, and she didn't do it any more," Mrs. Jones said.

Her Mother Is French

Mrs. Jones said that a family Bible in her possession shows that her foster mother was born of French descent in New Orleans in 1901. Mrs. Kress' name, as given in the Bible, was Arley De Raugelaure, de Kergaric, Countess de Kergaric of Les Roches de Rochebonne. She was educated in Europe and speaks eight languages.

Walter Abry Van der Kress, who shortened his name to Kress, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1890 of English, Dutch, and German descent, said Mrs. Jones. He, too, is well educated and has been employed by the U. S. employment service in San Jose and Sacramento, Calif., and Yakima, Wash.

The Kresses sent their adopted daughter to schools in at least 56 different towns in the three Pacific coast states, while they did seasonal farm work. Of these schools, Alice Jones said, "I can't recall all of them."

Stood by Christmas Kettle
"Mrs. Kress went to a Salvation Army church in almost every place we lived," Mrs. Jones continued. "She used to help them sell their 'War Cry' and take up monthly collections in the Salvation Army uniform. She also helped at Christmas time with Christmas baskets, or she stood by the Christmas kettles ringing the bell."

"She usually tried to get a job as a floor lady in canneries. Mr. Kress is a licensed retort operator for canneries."

"In 1933 my foster mother was a social worker in Sacramento, where she helped clean up what they called 'Hooverville,' a slum district near the railroad tracks. She had her name and picture in the Sacramento paper as the woman who led the work. Later she was a social worker in Yakima, Everett, and Vancouver, Wash."

Dewey's Bid Gains Support

EN ROUTE WEST WITH GOV. DEWEY—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York received assurances from Missouri Republican leaders Saturday night that he would have the solid support of the state's delegates in his expected bid for the GOP presidential nomination next year.

Barak T. Mattingly, national republican committeeman from Missouri, said after he and other Republican leaders of the state had conferred with Dewey in his railroad car, "I told the governor that he would get the state's 33 votes at the national convention in Philadelphia next June." He said he believed he was reflecting the sentiment of Missouri Republicans, based on a recent six-week tour of the state.

Mattingly predicted the New York governor would be nominated on the first ballot. He said he had canvassed the opinions of Republican leaders in several Midwestern and Southwestern states and predicted 420 votes for Dewey on the first ballot from the area covered.

Dewey's only comment was "very interesting," Mattingly reported.

The Missouri delegation supported Dewey in both the 1940 and 1944 Republican national conventions.

Dewey arrived in St. Louis at 5:50 p. m. (Central Standard Time) en route with his family to Sapula, Okla., the first leg of a four-week, 4000-mile western tour that will take him to the governors' conference at Salt Lake City and through the Rocky Mountain states. The trip has been widely interpreted as an attempt by Dewey to solidify support for his presidential aspirations.

Peter J. Rasmussen

Word was received in Eugene Saturday of the death of Peter J. Rasmussen, 84, Junction City, in Grand Island, Neb., July 5. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, July 8, in the Lutheran Danish Church at Junction City.

Mr. Rasmussen was born Oct. 5, 1862, in Denmark. He is survived by his wife, Maria, and a son Axel, in Junction City; another son, Darwin, Eugene; two daughters, Elsie Sorenson of Nebraska and Mrs. Carl A. Van Horn of Iowa; and 11 grandchildren.

Milner Sherman Mortuary is in charge of local arrangements.

Fire crews fought three forest fires in tinder-dry Southern California Saturday, and were near to dropping in their tracks from exhaustion after a 70-hour battle against one which had blackened 20,000 acres of brushland.

More men and equipment were sought to prevent the blaze, in Cleveland National Forest near San Diego, from spreading to a large recreational area containing a Shrine camp for children.

Fire fighters were flown to Los Padres National Forest, southeast of San Luis Obispo, where 1300 acres were aflame. The blaze started on state-owned land, then spread to engulf 300 acres of national forest.

The airborne fire crews were cutting fire breaks by hand, removing brush and timber from the path of the flames in an area inaccessible to bulldozers and other equipment.

A fire in the Proterero region near the Mexican border burned 50 acres of brush, and no sooner was it controlled than a new blaze was reported between Manzanita and La Coches peaks, northeast of Santa Barbara.

In Los Angeles County, firemen and volunteers who had fought fires for three days put out the last of a series of disastrous brush fires.

The worst fire was a \$500,000, 1300-acre blaze near Chatsworth, on the edge of the San Fernando Valley. It reached within half a mile of Chatsworth, from which thousands of residents fled, and burned to the ground one out of every three homes in outlying Lake Manor.

Spanish Dictator Powers Vote Issue
MADRID—(AP)—Millions of Spaniards will go to the polls Sunday for the first time in six and one-half years to participate in a national referendum on Generalissimo Francisco Franco's succession law.

Political observers said the plebiscite amounted to "a choice between Franco and Franco." If the succession law, passed by the Cortes (parliament) June 7, is approved by the people, Franco will continue administering the country as chief of state and have the right to appoint his successor.

If the law is rejected, Franco will remain chief of state, but can not legally appoint a successor.

TO DISCUSS PLAN
PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia—(AP)—A government spokesman said Saturday that Premier Klement Gottwald and Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk definitely will discuss Czechoslovak participation in the Marshall plan when they visit Moscow Sunday or Monday.

ARTHUR SCHNABEL,

Pianist

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The Blue Ox's Problems Now

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hauling the big timbers for Oregon mills.

500 Lane County Trucks
An estimated 500 trucks, representing a \$500,000 investment, are operating in Lane County. The State Public Utilities Commission estimates and any driver of a passenger car can testify there are more of them on Lane highways than in any other county of the state.

These trucks and their drivers in 1946 hauled nearly all of the one billion board feet of timber out in this county. This figure is nearly equal to the average pre-war lumber export of the entire United States.

Instead of one big ox to be fed and quartered, there are 500 trucks, most of them owned by single-vehicle operators who have from \$8000 to \$12,000, and often more, invested in their trucks.

The driver can't just throw down a ton or so of hay for his truck. He has to check brakes, tires, oil, gasoline, and water; the truck has to be parked where marauders can't drain fuel from its exposed tank or poke holes in the tires or steal \$100 worth of jacks, bunk blocks, and other equipment. (Babe didn't have any appliances except tail and horns that could be removed—and Babe could look out for himself.)

New "Shoes" Are Expensive

The truckers, like Babe, have to be on the job before the first worm-hunting bird has left its perch. During the summer some operators—because their income depends upon the number of trips they make—go back to the woods at night and bunk down beside the road to get an early start the next morning, although most of them make their homes in Springfield or Eugene.

Babe didn't run on tires either. And the pedometers of the ox's day didn't register accurately the number of miles per hoof. But the Twentieth Century big blue ox is good for only about 12,000 to 16,000 miles before it needs to be reshod.

And new shoes for trucks cost like blazes—around \$112 each on today's market. In a year's time a truck tire bill is nearly enough to buy a passenger car. Inner-tubes cost from \$12 to \$14 each—enough to buy a casing for the car.

Monday: Some more things that have come about since Babe's time.

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