

African Leader Plans to Retire

Staunch Fighter For Segregation

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP)—Prime Minister Daniel F. Malan, grim-faced, rock-ribbed fighter for white supremacy and racial segregation in the Union of South Africa, dramatically announced to his cabinet Monday night that he would retire from office Nov. 30.

The leader of South Africa's Dutch-descended Boer population summoned his official family to the Prime Minister's residence here and told them his decision is irrevocable.

NO REASON GIVEN

He added he also would give up his seat in parliament from Pletberg and retire to his home in Stellenbosch, in Cape Province.

Announcements of his decision did not give any reason for the retirement. He was 80 last May 22.

The National Party chief did not name his successor but political circles believe he has chosen Finance Minister N. C. Havenga, who in 1951 merged his Afrikaner Party with Malan's National faction to form the present-day National Party.

The Prime Minister's announcement was expected to result in an early caucus of the Nationalist members in parliament to choose the man Gov. Gen. E. G. Jansen will designate to form a new government.

SIX-YEAR REIGN

Malan took over the premiership in 1948 after his Nationalists won parliamentary control from the United Party of the late Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts. During his six years as Prime Minister, the Nationalist leader fought his hardest to advance his "Apartheid" policy of white supremacy and racial segregation, and to whip up public sentiment in the union to the point where he could make it a republic outside the British Commonwealth.

The highest controversy of Malan's highly controversial career surrounded his racial policy. He was determined to keep South Africa's 2½ million whites supreme over the union's 9½ million Negroes, Asiatic and half-castes.

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GEMBOREE

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OPAL

Went deer hunting so failed to prepare copy for last Tuesday's GEMBOREE. Hope this installment will make it up!

Opal is the birthstone for October (along with Tourmaline) and justly so, for all the gorgeous colors of Autumn may be seen within its depths. Appropriately it symbolizes hope, for who could gaze into a fine Opal without seeing the Rainbow?

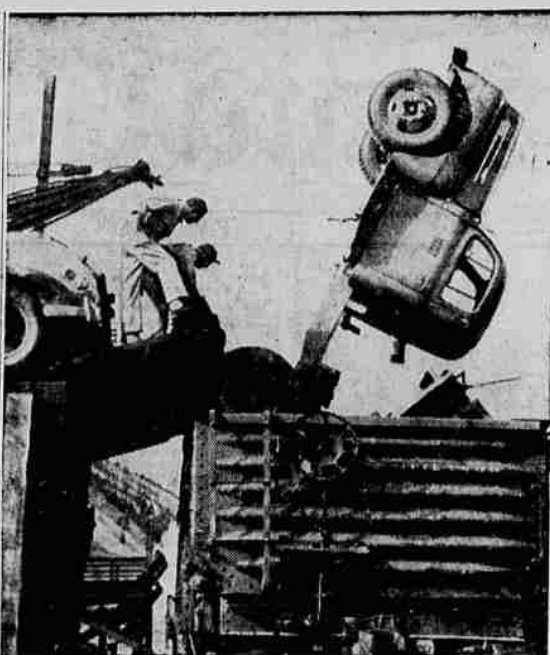
Many believe that a fine Opal is a sheer beauty, this gem remains unsurpassed. Once for a short time Sir Walter Scott's novel, "Ann of Glorstein" cast a shadow upon Opal's previous reputation as a GOOD luck omen, because of the misfortune associated with this fictional character and her Opal. But Queen Victoria soon restored the gem to popular favor by giving each of her daughters Opals on their wedding days. Earlier, Opal was considered an especially lucky gem, and Roman Generals carried topped staves to bring them good fortune in military ventures. Pliny tells of how the Roman Senator Nonius, who owned a fine Opal which he considered exceptionally lucky—fled the country to live in exile rather than give up his precious gem to the demands of Mark Antony, who wanted it for his favorite girl friend—Cleopatra yet! (Although Emerald was the first favorite of this girl Cleo, it seems that she would go for any fine gemstone—especially from Mark!) Of the several varieties of Opals, the two most important are the white and the black. Fine specimens of the latter are rarest and most valuable, since the characteristic play of color is more beautifully accented against the darker background. This gorgeous color play is the result of light passing through liquid inclusions within the gem, producing a dramatic effect unlike any other stone. Both the greatest number and finest quality Opals come from Australia. Although Opals are not quite so hard or durable as most gemstones, they are meant to be worn and enjoyed, for they hold their colors better under constant use. The belief that coating an Opal's surface with oil will prolong its life is a fallacy. But with reasonable care, Opals will last for many years, and their matchless beauty is ever a source of pride and pleasure to their owners. Oh Yeah, about that buck. He's still out there!



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SOME DUMP!—Operators of an automobile tow truck in Ketchum, Ida., ponder the problem of removing a large dump truck from an ore car near Sun Valley, Ida. Driver George McKay said truck was tipped from tipple at left when seven tons of lead concentrates he was dumping stuck and tipped the vehicle. McKay, who rode another runaway ore truck through a bridge last year, jumped to safety "when it felt light on the front end."

Federal Security Program Looms Bigger in Campaign

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Rees, (R-Kan.) called on the Eisenhower administration Tuesday to spell out in public detail the operation of the government's employee security program, the center of new campaign controversy.

Rees, chairman of the House Civil Service Committee, set Oct. 20 as a deadline for a report by the Civil Service Commission "setting forth specifically what constitute subversive actions which are the basis for separation of federal employees under a security program."

Rees, a staunch supporter of the administration, spoke up in the wake of Monday's announcement that 6,926 federal employees had been separated from their jobs as security risks of one kind or another.

Democrats denounced the report as a "hoax."

Rees praised the administration for "prompt action" in moving against subversives, but also urged the Civil Service Commission to dig into its files for data to explain the operations of the Eisenhower security program.

He said he had "always felt" that any program dealing with employee problems "should be one based upon specific legislation spelling out more directly by Congress the policy which is involved." The present program was set up by presidential order effective May 28, 1953.

QUICK REACTION
"I also believe that those who are disloyal or subversive should be fired for that reason, with questions of doubt being resolved in the interest of the government," Rees said in a telephone interview from his home in Kansas.

A crossfire of warm political reaction was opened up after Monday's commission report, and it seemed likely to reverberate until election day, Nov. 2.

The commission listed 6,926 federal workers—1,743 of them with some type of "subversive data" in their files—as having been removed from the payroll for security reasons, either by firing or resignation. The period covered the 13 months prior to June 30.

The last previous report of the commission in March set the total then at 2,486, of whom 429 were in the subversive category.

NO BREAKDOWN
In neither case was there any indication as to how many suspected subversives had been fired and how many resigned, nor whether in the latter category there had been hearings to determine whether allegations against the separated employees were valid.

The Eisenhower program makes no distinction between suspected subversives and security risks. The latter class may include persons with criminal records, perverts, those who talk or drink too much, and so on.

Chairman Stephen A. Mitchell of the Democratic National Committee termed the report a "hoax," and a "desperate new effort to fool the public" in an election campaign.

Mitchell and Sen. Olin D. Johnston (D-SC) urged Sen. Carlson (R-Kan.), chairman of the Senate Civil Service Committee, to call hearings and subject the report to "real scrutiny." Johnston is the group's senior Democrat.

HALL HAILS FIGURES
GOP National Chairman Leonard W. Hall said the commission's figures puncture Democratic party claims that subversion in Washington is a "bogus issue," and declared they mean "this administration is cleaning up instead of covering up."

Hall also declared the 6,926 figure vindicates Vice President Nixon and leaves Mitchell "holding the bag."

Mitchell recently accused Nixon of uttering "falsehoods" in making repeated campaign claims that the government has been removing "Communists, fellow travelers and security risks" from federal payrolls, "not by the hundreds, but by the thousands."

Mitchell said Nixon was being unfair in lumping together suspected subversives and security risks.

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WAREHOUSE BURNS
SALEM (AP)—A fire that destroyed a grain warehouse owned by the Donald Co-operative north of here Saturday night caused damage estimated at \$100,000.

The warehouse contained 40,000 bushels of grain, but much of the loss was insured.

2 OLCC Workers Face Suspension

PORTLAND (AP)—Suspension of two Oregon Liquor Control Commission employees accused of soliciting money from a liquor salesman, was recommended Monday by Gov. Paul Patterson.

The recommendation was made after Patterson had received a preliminary report on the affair from a two-man committee which has been investigating the matter.

NAMES NOT DISCLOSED

Names of the two employees were not disclosed.

The report from the investigators—Robert Maguire, Portland attorney, and Howard Bobbitt, former FBI chief here—said that no evidence had been found that an employee had taken a bribe, as had been reported earlier. The evidence did indicate, however, that two employees had solicited and received expense money from a liquor industry representative, the report said.

Suspension of the two employees was recommended until the final report is completed, Patterson said. He issued this statement:

'SERIOUS CHARGE'

"A serious charge was made that a state employee of the Liquor

Commission had solicited a bribe. Acting on this, I requested that a complete investigation be made of the charge, and had it made by two very disinterested citizens very competent in this field . . . Robert Maguire and Howard Bobbitt.

"I have received from them a preliminary report of this investigation of this charge. The preliminary report covers two alleged irregularities:

"The first consisted of the allegation that a commission employee had solicited a bribe. Their investigation did not produce adequate evidence to support this charge.

"In the second matter, they found evidence to support a charge that two commission employees solicited and accepted expense money from a liquor industry representative.

PROBE CONTINUES

"I have referred this preliminary report to the commission with instructions that the report be given immediate consideration and have recommended that the men be suspended pending the final report and in order that they might have the right to be heard by the civil service board. I have further ordered that the investigation be continued.

"The public will be kept fully informed of any further developments. I am determined that the administration of our liquor laws shall reflect the highest standards of honesty and integrity."

\$10,000 Bail Frees Petersen

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP)—Joseph Sidney Petersen Jr., 40, former government employee accused of stealing military secrets from the hush-hush National Security Agency, was freed on \$10,000 bond Tuesday over the vigorous protests of Justice Department attorneys.

NO PLEA ENTERED

Justice Department Atty. John F. Reilly had opposed the lower bond, arguing that the accusation against Petersen is "just one step short of treason in its seriousness."

Petersen declined to talk to reporters after he was freed from the Alexandria jail where he had been held since his arrest by FBI agents Saturday. He did not enter a plea at his arraignment held before a U.S. commissioner a short time after the arrest.

His attorney told the court Petersen had less than \$1,000, in a savings account, to show for his 11 years in government service. But he said other members of the family helped to raise the \$10,000.

MONITORS TALKS

The government, at Tuesday's hearing in federal court here, again stopped short of any disclosure of the exact nature of the offense attributed to Petersen, a former employee of the National Security Agency which monitors radio broadcasts around the world and tries to break the codes of other nations.

Petersen's attorney, David B. Kinney, told the court he did not yet know just what offense had been attributed to his client. He said the government had not seen fit to disclose what foreign nation might be involved. He said as far as he knows it could be anywhere from Afghanistan to Zanzibar.

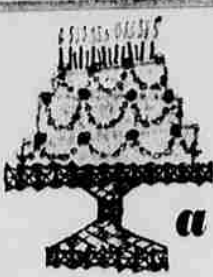


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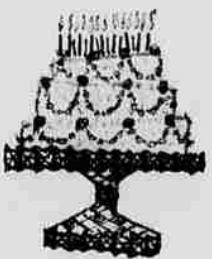
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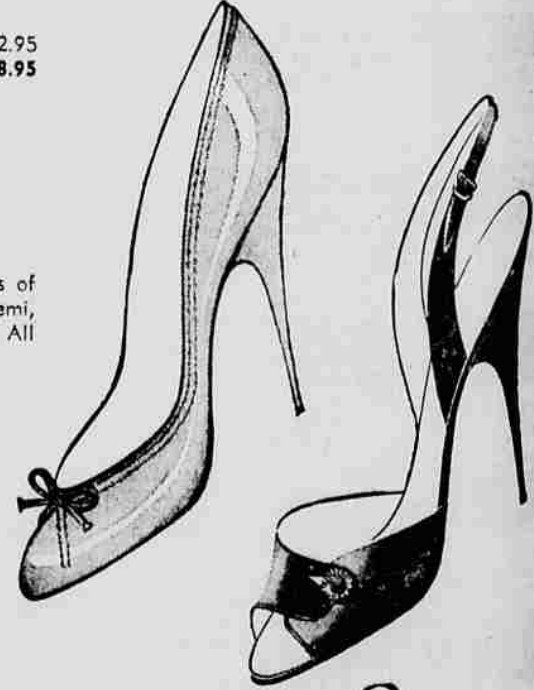
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