

Marshall Says Can't Be Drafted For Presidency

Takes Oath of Office As Secretary of State After Squelching Speculation

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall took office of secretary of state today after bluntly squelching speculation that he might be available later as a democratic candidate for president.

Some democrats had discussed the idea of drafting him if President Truman should not run in 1948.

Before taking his new post, Marshall in an unsolicited statement to reporter declared: "I cannot be drafted for any political office."

Non-Political Job

In addition to squelching presidential speculation concerning him, Marshall also said that he considered the secretaryship of state to be a non-political job.

"And," he added, "I am going to govern myself accordingly."

Marshall's statement was perhaps the most explicit and unambiguous disavowal of political ambition since another general took himself out of politics after the Civil War. At that time Gen. William T. Sherman declared that he would not run for president if nominated, and would not serve if elected.

To End Discussion

"I am being explicit and emphatic," Marshall said, "in order to terminate once and for all any discussion of my name in regard to political office."

Whatever his feeling about political office, the moment Marshall took oath as secretary of state he became heir to the office of president should anything happen to Mr. Truman in the next two years.

There being no vice president, the secretary of state is now first in the line of succession.

Marshall took the oath of office as successor to James F. Byrnes from Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson in Mr. Truman's executive office.

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Seek to Extend Sugar Control

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—The department of agriculture advised a congressional committee it will ask for continued rationing and price control of sugar throughout this year.

James H. Marshall, head of the department's sugar branch, told the house food shortage investigating committee he hopes the sugar ration for individuals might be increased by 10 pounds this year.

He indicated, however, there will be no increase before April 1. Despite improvement in world production, he said, the supply is still far short of demand.

"If sugar rationing and price control were lifted at this time," Marshall said, "it is my opinion that the price easily would go to 40 cents a pound."

In such a situation, he said, the great bulk of the available sugar might be bought by industrial users, "and the housewife might get much less."

The authority to ration sugar expires April 1, and the price control powers end July 1. Marshall said the department will request that both powers be extended through December 31 as they relate to sugar.

No More Flood Control Projects

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—Enough flood control and rivers and harbors projects already have been authorized by congress, Chairman Dondero (R., Mich.) of the house public works committee said today.

He told a reporter that committee records show \$3,635,000,000 worth of these projects have been authorized and are "laying on the shelf."

"There is no necessity at all for any more," he added.

Chief Jenkins Ill

Portland, Jan. 21 (AP)—Chief of Police Leon V. Jenkins was admitted to a hospital last night for observation and physicians said his illness could not immediately be diagnosed. His condition was not serious.

The Weather

(Released by United States Weather Bureau)

Forecast for Salem and vicinity: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday with moderate temperatures continuing. Occasional showers tonight becoming intermittent light rain Wednesday. Maximum yesterday 52. Minimum today 42. Mean temperature yesterday 44 which was 4 above normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today, .01. Total precipitation for the month, 1.21 which is 2.58 inches below normal. Willamette river height 1.1.

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Students Hang Talmadge in Effigy at Capitol

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 21 (AP)—Gov. Herman Talmadge was hanged in effigy today from the arm of a statue on the state capitol grounds by some 2,000 jeering university students who marched on the capitol to demand that he get out of the office he took over last week.

The crowd joined by scores of citizens in a march through downtown Atlanta, hoisted the grotesque swastika-marked figure to the statue of the late Tom Watson.

It was the same spot where five years ago other students had hanged young Talmadge's father in effigy during a protest over his firing of two university professors which led to discreditation of Georgia colleges.

Willing to Resign

The chanting mob of students descended on the capitol lawn shortly after Talmadge had told the state legislature that he was willing to resign and run for the office in a state-wide election if Acting Gov. M. E. Thompson would also agree to do so.

The effigy of Talmadge was attired in bright red suspenders—hallmark of the Talmadge "white supremacy" political faith for many years.

Placards carried by the students urged the legislature to "go home" and wait for the courts to decide whether Talmadge or Thompson is the rightful possessor of the governor's office which both now claim.

Demand Rights Back

"The people are the sovereignty. Give us back our rights," another placard proclaimed.

The demonstrators were called to silence shortly before 3 while two resolutions on the current crisis were read. Then they thundered their approval of the documents.

J. L. Mauldin, an elderly constable, joined the young people and hoisted a placard asking "who stole my vote?"

Talmadge had taken some of the edge off of the demonstration by his dramatic proposal that he and Thompson resign. His statement brought a thunderous ovation from legislators convened in joint session.

Ask Hoover for Food Survey

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover has been asked to undertake a survey of food problems in the American and British zones of occupied Germany.

This was disclosed today by a war department official who asked that his name not be used. He said Mr. Hoover has not yet given his answer.

Presumably the proposal to the 72-year-old former president has the approval of the British government and President Truman as well as the highest war department officials concerned with occupation policies.

The British zone was coupled with that of the United States in the proposal, officials said, because of the recent agreement to unify them economically.

As a world authority on food problems since World War I days Mr. Hoover was asked to make a personal survey expected to require several weeks and then to submit recommendations on means to increase food output and to assure its most equitable distribution.

Austin and Marshall Plan Basic U. S. Policy on Disarming

Lake Success, N.Y., Jan. 21 (AP)—Warren R. Austin, chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, will begin discussions early next week with newly appointed Secretary of State George C. Marshall on American plans for atomic energy control and world disarmament.

This was disclosed today by American sources who said the two diplomats probably would lay groundwork for a basic U. S. policy on world-wide arms reduction.

The U. N. security council, over-riding Russian and Polish opposition, approved yesterday an American request to put off consideration of disarmament until Feb. 4.

The arms postponement was asked by Warren because of the shift in state department leadership and to enable the U. S. delegation to study more carefully a series of preliminary proposals already submitted by other countries.

American sources said Austin and Marshall would discuss the whole question of atomic energy

1 Killed and 20 Others Injured In Plane Crash

Oakland, Calif., Jan. 21 (AP)—A WAVE flight orderly was killed and 20 other persons, including three women, were injured in the crash of a four-engine navy plane at Oakland airport yesterday when, for the first time in more than 76,000 landings, radar-ground-control failed to guide a ship to safety.

The big naval air transport (NATS) plane landed 150 feet short of the fog-shrouded runway and crashed into a four-foot rock wall at the edge of the field.

Skids 1000 feet

Its undercarriage sheared away and the plane skidded across the field on its fuselage for 1,000 feet, shedding wreckage and passengers as it went. Then it caught fire and burned.

The dead WAVE was identified by the navy today as Aviation Specialist 3/c Margaret Wallace, whose father is Harry W. Wallace, of Pittsfield, Pa. Most seriously hurt of the survivors was Lt. (jg) F. A. Michalek from Great Mills, Md., who was burned when the plane caught fire.

Most of those injured suffered only abrasions. Many remained strapped in their seats until the plane stopped.

Lt. (jg) Edythe Bovic, flight nurse from East Rygate, Vt., remained in her seat and helped others in the crash despite a definite shocked condition.

"The fire started immediately, she said "the boys were wonderful in helping."

Carried Crew of Seven

Flying from Moffett field, only about 40 miles south of Oakland, the plane carried a crew of seven, including the WAVE who was killed and 14 passengers.

The only woman on the passenger list was Lt. Comdr. L. A. McNaughton of the navy nurse corps from Hastings, Neb. She was detained in Oak Knoll naval hospital for observation.

Oakland was the first stop on a scheduled flight across the nation for the plane. Twelve passengers were to have been picked up at Oakland before the ship proceeded to San Diego, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Pensacola, Fla.; Jacksonville, Fla., and the naval air station, 60 miles southeast of Washington, D. C.

Despite the all-enveloping fog which covered the bay area at the time of the crash, the weather was considered routine for airmen trained in radar controlled landings.

Eisenhower Ill in Hospital

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, army chief of staff, entered Walter Reed hospital today for treatment of a stomach disorder.

A war department statement said: "General Eisenhower suffered a digestive upset this morning. He drove out to Walter Reed hospital about 10 a.m. in his car, and entered hospital for observation."

Eisenhower returned 10 days ago from Florida where he resided and underwent treatment in Pratt General hospital for buritis, a disorder of the nerves in his arms.

He was scheduled to confer with the commanding generals of the armies and air forces today in the first meeting of a three-day conference on war department policy.



Army, Navy Leaders Explain Merger Plan—These army and navy leaders assemble in the White House for a news conference to explain details of their agreement on a compromise merger plan. From left are seated: Secretary of Navy James Forrestal and Secretary of War Robert Patterson; standing—Maj. Gen. Lauris Norstad, assistant chief of air staff, army air forces; Fleet Adm. William Leahy, chief of staff to the president; Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, army chief of staff; Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, chief of naval operations, and Vice Adm. F. P. Sherman, deputy chief of naval operations. (AP Wirephoto)

Public Work Programs To Be Cut for Economy

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—Rep. Taber (R., N.Y.), newly assigned watchdog of the nation's pocketbook, declared today he not only will "sledgehammer" future money bills but whack at some spending programs laid out by the last congress. In that category Taber lumped what he called "non-essential functions of government" and public works programs on which direct appropriations are pending—such as roads, rivers and harbors and airports.

The New Yorker told reporters these programs will be re-examined and "new justifications must be made before money is provided." He gave no details of projects that might be affected but predicted many millions of dollars can be saved.

"We've got to cut back current spending a lot more than the \$1,500,000,000 the president has recommended," Taber said.

Already chairman of the house appropriations committee, Taber was elected yesterday as head of the 102-member senate-house budget committee which will review President Truman's \$37,500,000,000 budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 and then put its own ceiling on federal expenditures.

Republican fiscal managers hope to cut between \$3,000,000,000 and \$8,000,000,000 off the president's estimates. Taber announced that a 20-member subcommittee of the 102-member budget group probably will meet Thursday to begin its studies. The legislative reorganization act calls for the full committee to submit its own budget estimates to congress by February 15.

A grave picture of manpower shortages, worn-out factories and threats of inflation was presented in a white paper issued last night as a prelude to parliamentary debate on government economic plans to be presented within the next few weeks.

The government report endorsed by leaders of the British employers confederation and the trade union congress, warned that Britain still is piling up debts abroad and added: "American and Canadian loans only give us a short breathing space."

Declaring there was no danger "for many years" of the unemployment which haunted Britain's workers after World War I, the government report said employers must improve production methods and workers must abolish "slow downs" hampering the export drive.

Hornbeck Resigns As Holland Envoy

Washington, Jan. 20 (AP)—Stanley K. Hornbeck, ambassador to the Netherlands, resigned today and President Truman picked Herman B. Baruch to succeed him.

The White House said the nomination of Baruch, now ambassador to Portugal, will be sent to the senate within a day or so. Baruch is a brother of Bernard L. Baruch, the elder statesman.

Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said Mr. Truman accepted the Hornbeck resignation with "reluctance."

Hornbeck gave "personal" reasons for resigning, Ross added. Originally appointed to the Netherlands post in September, 1944, Hornbeck first offered his resignation when the Truman administration came into office in 1945. He was persuaded to remain on the job.

New York Central Lays Off 7000

New York, Jan. 21 (AP)—The New York Central, one of the east's key railroads, after laying off 7000 employees, formulated plans today for a further tightening of its financial belt in an effort to balance its budget.

How many other railroads would follow suit was a matter of speculation, but some of them faced the same deficit problem. Most of them were officially silent for the time being.

Russia to Lift Censorship

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—Russia has notified the United States that it will lift its press censorship during the forthcoming Big Four foreign ministers meeting in Moscow on the German peace treaty, it was learned today.

Foreign correspondents will be allowed to file uncensored dispatches about the day-to-day events of the Big Four meetings which start March 10. The assumption is that such dispatches will not even be subjected to a screening censorship to make sure they are not on topics extraneous to the conference.

It still is not clear, however, whether radio correspondents will be permitted to make voice broadcasts from the Russian capital.

The Soviet decision on press censorship was transmitted to the U. S. government in fulfillment of the agreement made between retiring Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov at the last Big Four meeting in New York.

At that meeting Molotov promised—in return for Byrnes' acquiescence to go to Moscow for the next meeting—that foreign correspondents would be allowed to report proceedings of the Moscow conference just as they had been allowed to do in Paris and New York.

Peace Offer by Nationalists

Nanking, Jan. 21 (AP)—The Chinese government outlined a four-point peace proposal today and announced that it still was ready to meet the communists "with tolerance and sincerity."

Despite the new government offer, however, prospects of an immediate agreement seemed remote. Both communist demands—nullification of the constitution and a return to the military status of last January—were turned down. Scattered fighting continued.

Government sources said nationalist troops had smashed a communist offensive in southern Shantung, recapturing two towns southeast of Teh-Hui. A communist force of 100,000 was said to have been defeated in an "all-night pitched battle."

U. S. Refuses Soviet Demand

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—The United States has rejected Soviet Russia's request to surrender Kyrill Alekseev, former Soviet trade official who criticized "dictatorship" in his homeland. The Russians are seeking his arrest in this country.

The state department announced today the rejection was handed to the Soviet embassy yesterday.

The announcement said it was based on the absence of an extradition treaty between Russia and the United States.

The Russians said he is a former employe of their embassy in Mexico City and charged him with embezzlement.

The U. S. reply said that the supreme court has stated that under the "domestic law of the United States power to provide for extradition is not confined to the executive branch of the government."

The reply said that because of this and the absence of an extradition treaty the government lacks power to surrender Alekseev. The Russian's criticism of his home government was contained in a statement issued by his lawyer in New York.

The American reply to the Soviet request was handed to Vassili A. Tarassenko, embassy counselor, by Llewellyn E. Thompson, chief of the state department's Russian division.

Bills for Taxing Amusements Offered in House

Levies on Devices As Places of Entertainment Sought

By Paul W. Harvey, Jr.

Measures to tax amusement devices and admissions to theaters, athletic events, dance halls and other places of entertainment were ready for introduction in the state house of representatives today.

Reps. Giles L. French, Moro, and Henry Semon, Klamath Falls, are introducing the amusement device tax, endorsed by the state tax study commission, which would levy a 30 per cent tax on gross revenues from devices in which there is an element of chance, such as illegal slot machines and punchboards.

The tax on devices which have an element of skill, such as pinball and iron claw games, would be 10 per cent of the gross revenue.

Duplicates Federal Tax

Rep. Joseph E. Harvey, Portland leader in the old age pension movement, said the admissions tax would duplicate the 20 per cent federal admissions tax, and that the revenues would be used for pensions.

French said the amusement device tax might have the effect of driving out slot machines by making it too expensive to operate them.

Owners of all amusement devices would have to keep books. If they failed to do so, they would have to accept the tax commission's estimate of the amount of tax due. Then, if they failed to pay the tax, the state could get a lien on all the owner's property. The records of the tax commission would be confidential.

Applies to Clubs

The bill would apply to clubs as well as to individual operators, all of whom would have to make bi-monthly reports.

The principle of Harvey's admissions tax bill also has the endorsement of the tax study commission. It would apply also to restaurants which provide entertainment, pool halls, bowling alleys, race tracks and carnivals.

Harvey said he hoped the measure would raise enough money so that old age pension appropriations would no longer have to depend on liquor revenues.

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Farrell Seeks \$1 Million More For State Police

Would Double Personnel To Provide for Additional Highway Patrol

By James D. Olson

Doubling of the state police personnel, to provide more adequate patrol of state highways, the cost to be financed through allocation of an additional \$1,000,000 for the next two years from state gas tax funds to the state police department, was recommended this morning by Secretary of State Farrell to the joint ways and means committee.

The 1947-48 budget now contains \$901,055 transfer of state highway funds to the police fund but this amount Mr. Farrell declared inadequate to meet the task of preventing accidents on the state highways.

He told the ways and means committee, in its second full membership meeting of the session, that the traffic safety program was divided into three sections, engineering, enforcement and education.

Highway Safety

"The highway department has done a fine job on engineering for traffic safety," said Farrell, "and there is little room for improvement. The educational program can be carried too far, in my opinion, but I believe that the motor vehicle department is carrying on an effective educational program and keeping within proper bounds."

"However, our weakest link in the chain is enforcement. The state police department is doing an excellent job with the material it has to do with but is in some need of added personnel."

Gas Tax Revenue

Attention of the committee was called to the increase in gas tax revenue. Mr. Farrell stated that in 1941 gas tax receipts totaled \$12,867,000 while in the 11 months of 1946 the receipts grew to \$17,336,279.28 with an estimate of another million dollars to be derived from gas tax in December, 1946.

"You will see that the estimates of revenue from gas tax in the budget for the next two years is 33 million dollars," said Farrell, "but I predict that this figure will reach \$36 million."

"The gas tax comes from the highways and it should go back to the protection of lives on the highways," he said. "I have not consulted the highway department and officials of that department should be consulted, but it is my firm opinion that the additional million dollars should be given to the state police for placing more patrolmen on the highways."

Institution Budgets

Mr. Farrell also discussed the budgets of state institutions and told the committee that these budgets, higher than ever before, contained salary increases resulting from the requirements of the civil service law passed at the 1945 legislative session.

"You will find that for the first time in the history of the state you have intelligent budgets from the state institution heads," he said. "You all know that the facilities at the state institutions are crowded and must be increased."

"I beseech you members of the ways and means committee do not sharpen your pencils too much on these budgets," he said.

Herriot Heads France's Diet

Paris, Jan. 21 (AP)—France's national assembly confirmed Paul Ramadier, socialist, by a vote of 577 to 10 tonight as premier in the first government of the fourth French republic.

Radical-Socialist Leader Edouard Herriot, 74, was elected president of the assembly.

Herriot, who was unopposed headed the old chamber of deputies from 1936-1942. He is in his 42nd year as mayor of Lyon, France's third largest city.

A protege of Aristide Briand, Herriot was three times premier of France before the war. He succeeds Vincent Auriol, recently elected president of the republic.

Before the voting began, the legislature heard a message read from Auriol calling upon France to "maintain and develop her alliances" and to insist upon "just reparations and a full security" from Germany.

Needing 310 votes for the absolute majority, Herriot received 428.

His election preceded the appearance before the assembly of Paul Ramadier to outline the program he plans for his proposed coalition cabinet, and ask for confirmation of his nomination as premier.

270 White Buildings For Sale Saturday

Portland, Ore., Jan. 21 (AP)—A campaign for buyers of buildings at Camp White, near Medford, will be launched Saturday by Portland war assets administration's office of real property. In its first offer WAA will put up 270 buildings.

All buildings are in the cantonment area and contain such scarce but usable items as dimension lumber flooring, roofing, plywood windows, electrical wiring, lighting fixtures, plumbing fixtures and heating equipment WAA said. Structures included are 112 barracks, 44 mess halls, eight officers' quarters and other miscellaneous buildings. No chapels are listed.

Predicts 50 Cents Butter by Summer

Madison, Wis., Jan. 21 (AP)—Butter will cost consumers less than 50 cents a pound this summer, R. K. Froker, professor of agricultural economics at the University of Wisconsin, predicted at a farm outlook conference last night.

"Milk production is at its peak and that, plus the fact that supply pipelines are well stocked, will drop butter prices before long," Prof. Froker declared, and added: "Look for these prices to be lowered, too, but not as much as butter."