

Alcorn Likely To Be Chosen GOP's Leader

Ohio Chief Ray Bliss Not Candidate for National Job

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON (AP)—Ray Bliss, Ohio State GOP chairman, said today he is not a candidate for Republican national chairman to succeed Leonard W. Hall.
Bliss' statement appeared likely to nip a threatened party revolt against the reported White House choice of H. Meade Alcorn Jr. of Connecticut.
Opposition to Alcorn has developed among some Republicans who profess to fear that President Eisenhower's program to "modernize" the party might lead him to ignore or even repudiate some GOP Senate or House candidates in the 1958 election.

Alcorn is regarded as a thorough-going Eisenhower supporter who would follow the President's inclinations if such a situation arose.

Those who talked of opposing Alcorn indicated they regarded Bliss as about the only candidate with a chance of winning. Bliss is chairman of the Midwest and Rocky Mountain State Chairmen's Assn.

Bliss said in a telephone interview that while he had been urged by many national committee members to make the race, he was not a candidate. He said he wants to devote more time to his personal affairs after six years of practically full-time work as Ohio state chairman.

Faced with the opposition to Alcorn, administration lieutenants were reported to have given assurances that if he is named chairman he will work for the election of all party candidates next year.

Oregon Demos Indignant Over John Day 'Skip'

WASHINGTON (UP)—Oregon Democrats in Congress today were indignant over the failure of President Eisenhower to include funds for John Day dam in his budget for the next fiscal year.

Sen. Wayne Morse said he was "shocked" and Rep. Edith Green said the President showed what she called a "shocking attitude." Mrs. Green said "either Sherman Adams has not told the President the outcome of the elections or the President has been told about the audacity of Pacific Northwest voters and has decided to administer them fatherly chastisement."

Both Rep. Al Ullman of Baker and Mrs. Green said the Oregon House delegation would write into the public works appropriations bill construction funds for John Day dam.

At least one Republican, Rep. Russell Mack of Washington, said "If it had not been for the omission of John Day dam, this would be a fine public works budget for the Northwest."

He added, "...we must go ahead with construction of John Day if we are to avert a power shortage in the early 60s. I am very hopeful that Congress will put some money in for this project, despite the President's failure to recommend it."

Riesel Hopes To Get Back Partial Sight

FALL RIVER, Mass. (AP)—Labor columnist Victor Riesel, blinded by an underworld acid attack last April, was hopeful Thursday that "some sight will be regained in the right eye."

In an interview Wednesday night with a Fall River Herald-News reporter, Riesel said:

"It won't be sight as you people in the bright world know it. I won't be able to read copy but I will be able to tell that there is a piece of paper in my typewriter."

The newspaper columnist said he consulted eye surgeon Maurice Whiting while in England recently and was told that a series of minor operations would do the job.

He added that the operations would involve "one weekend every three months."

The operations would be performed in the United States, Riesel said.

Riesel was in Fall River to give a talk.

Posse Finds 2 Missing Boys

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP)—Four boys missing since Tuesday night in foothills 35 miles north of here Wednesday were found in good condition, the Cowlitz County sheriff's office reported today.

A 10-man search party earlier Wednesday covered the area after two cars were found bogged down in snow and mud.

The boys apparently took refuge in the cabin Tuesday night as temperatures dropped below freezing.

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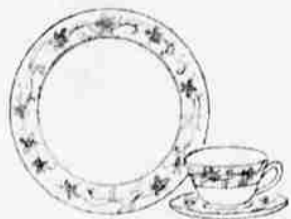
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