

Colleagues Doubt Sen. Knowland to Seek Presidency

Governorship Bid Unlikely Unless It's a Cinch

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON — Some colleagues of Sen. Knowland (R-Cal.) said today they see less than a 50-50 chance that he will seek the 1960 Republican presidential nomination.

They reached that conclusion after reassessing his announcement last week that he will leave the Senate when his present term expires in January 1959.

His surprise announcement was interpreted widely at first as indicating he plans to run for the Republican nomination for governor in California next year. That move was considered a possible stepping stone toward a bid for the presidency.

Knowland declined to confirm or deny the speculation.

Gov. Goodwin J. Knight of California hopes to learn on a visit here in the next few days whether there is any such possibility. Knight, planning to attend President Eisenhower's inaugural, expects to confer with Knowland.

Knowland, a Republican, has given every indication he wants to run for re-election next year.

If Knowland should choose to seek the governorship, signs now point toward a primary battle with Knight. The winner, if elected governor, then might pit himself against another Californian, Vice President Nixon, in the battle for the party's 1960 presidential nomination.

While he hasn't closed the door to this possibility, Knowland has gone a long way toward convincing some of his associates that personal considerations were more influential than political reasons for his decision to retire from the Senate.

Knowland is said to have commented that his family has in the Oakland Tribune a property worth several million dollars which he believes needs his personal attention.

He said at the time of his announcement he had always regarded himself as a newspaperman and wanted to get back in that business. He noted that his publisher father is 83 years old.

Some of Knowland's colleagues believe Knowland might bow to a "draft" movement if Knight should change his mind about running again. He might run, they said, if it became apparent there was substantial opposition to Knight's candidacy among California Republicans.

But unless the path was fairly

B52 Flies From Merced Base to England Nonstop

LONDON — A U. S. Air Force B52 Stratofortress, an eight-jet heavy bomber, landed in England Thursday after a nonstop flight from California.

The 650-mile-an-hour bomber of the Strategic Air Command put down at Brize Norton in Oxfordshire. A spokesman for the 7th Air Force said the bomber was on a training mission and would return to the United States within a few days.

House Group Starts Attempt to Whittle President's Budget

Spending Policies Hit by Some as Inflationary

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST

WASHINGTON — The House Appropriations Committee set out today to try to whittle down President Eisenhower's request to spend \$71,807,000,000 during the next fiscal year.

Members hope to chop substantial sums from the \$73,300,000,000 in requests for new appropriations, some of which would carry over to later years.

Some Democrats and some Republicans complained about the size of the budget for the year starting next July 1, referring to it as inflationary.

One day after receiving Eisenhower's budget message, subcommittees arranged to begin scanning behind closed doors the fiscal needs of the Interior, Post Office and Treasury departments.

Humphrey cautioned that "we will have a depression that will make your hair curl" unless the government cuts down on its spending. He added that he probably would quit his job if, in the event of a depression, the Eisenhower administration tries to fight it with methods involving deficit spending.

He said he wasn't criticizing the administration for the size of the budget. But he said the rising trend of federal budgets "should promptly be stopped."

The size of the budget, a record for a peace year and the fifth highest in the nation's history, spurred congressional demands for sharp cuts in appropriations, on which spending is based.

The President forecast a year-end surplus of \$1,800,000,000 which he said would be applied toward reduction of the \$72-billion-dollar national debt, now costing more than seven billions annually in interest charges.

Some members are known to feel that if Congress could cut the planned spending total several bil-

lion more, there might be enough of a surplus to provide tax relief in 1958, a congressional election year.

No sooner had Eisenhower's budget message been read than a partisan argument broke out on the House floor.

Chairman Cannon (D-Mo) of the House Appropriations Committee called the budget "inflationary." And he complained that "there is no retrenchment, no economy."

Up jumped Rep. Halleck of Indiana, the assistant House Republican leader, to say that Cannon

was showing a "new-found solicitude" about the effects of inflation on the American people. Halleck said that in past years Cannon was one of those "feeding those fires of inflation rather than trying to put them out."

In an interview today, Rep. Tabor of New York, senior Republican member of the Appropriations Committee, said the budget "can and will" be cut by Congress.

"There is a tremendous lot of waste, especially in the Defense Department," Tabor said.

Russ Charge Yanks Aided Egypt Attack

MOSCOW — Soviet Fleet, the navy newspaper, charged Thursday that British-French forces invaded Egypt last November "under the cover of U. S. naval and air protection."

Soviet propaganda, seeking to tar the United States with the same brush of "aggression" that it has used on Britain and France, kept its campaign going against U. S. Middle East policies.

Soviet Fleet said the operation against Egypt was a "complex collusion of colonialists" and the U. S. 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean "played a sinister role in preparing and unleashing the aggression."

Gas Dealers Ask Laws to Prevent Supplier Control

ROSEBURG — State laws to prevent major oil companies from putting any controls on retailers were urged Wednesday by the Oregon Retail Gasoline Dealers Assn.

At a meeting here, 65 dealers approved a program that would enable retailers to set their own prices and end contracts that permit oil companies to designate the firms from which dealers buy tires, batteries and accessories.

They also proposed a law to give retailers a 2 per cent tax credit for shrinkage caused by evaporation. A third proposal would have dyes put in gasoline sold to off-highway users, such as farmers and loggers, to simplify checking on violations.

Nehru Criticizes Mid-East Policy

NEW DELHI — Prime Minister Nehru said Thursday the Eisenhower Doctrine in the Middle East could make the situation there "more difficult" because it links military aid with economic assistance.

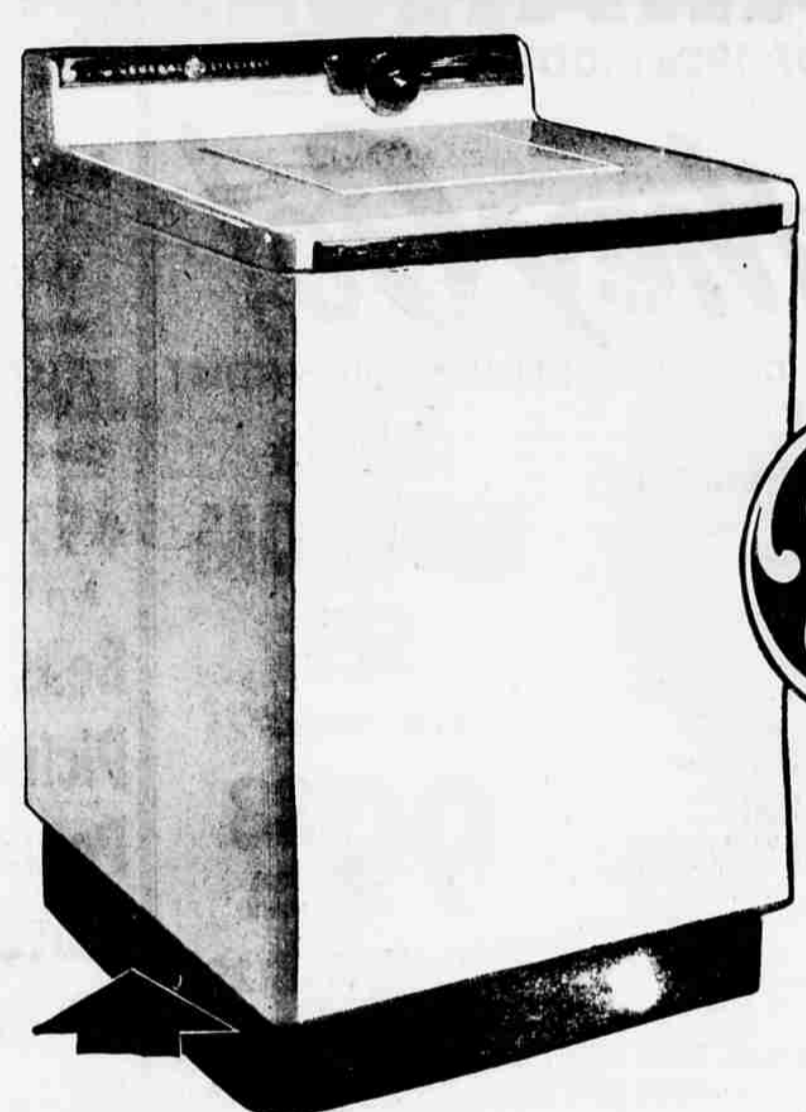
"To give economic help to these countries is good," Nehru told newsmen when he arrived from Calcutta, "but to tie it up with military help ties it up with the cold war and makes the situation more difficult."

Nehru's comments so far on the Eisenhower proposals are considered moderate. Informants say this is due partly to the influence of his recent talks with the American president and partly to Nehru's desire to see how the Middle East countries react to the new American policy.

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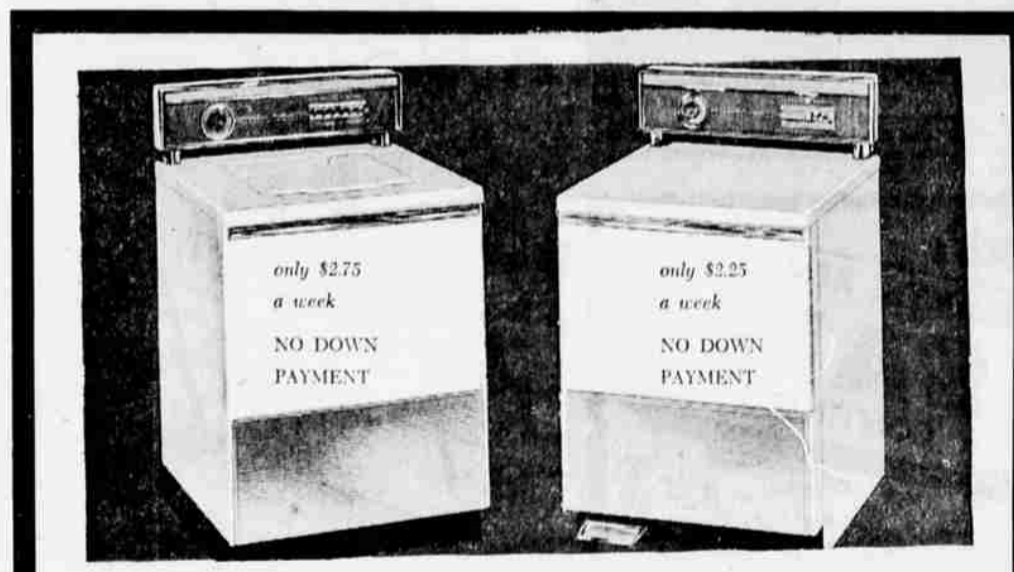
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