

Ohio Leader Pushed For GOP Chairman

Alcorn Still Top of List For Post

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ray Bliss, Ohio State Republican chairman, was pushed today for the chairmanship of the GOP National Committee. But H. Mead Alcorn Jr., of Connecticut was reported "still on top of the list" of prospects for the post.

Leonard W. Hall, retiring chairman, called the 146-member national committee to get together in a closed session to announce his choice of a seven-member group to canvass suggestions for his successor. Hall has resigned effective Feb. 1. The full committee will vote on a new chairman Tuesday after the smaller group confers with President Eisenhower.

In advance of Hall's action, John Feikens, Michigan State chairman, announced his support of Bliss, although it is noted he is not a candidate for the national chairmanship.

"I'm one of the original Eisenhower supporters in 1952 who is for Ray Bliss," Feikens said in an interview.

Bliss, who was closely associated with the late Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, declined comment on Feikens' statement.

Along with most other Republicans, Feikens conceded that if Alcorn is Eisenhower's pick, the Connecticut national committee will be expected to support him.

The hope of Feikens and some others who are not enthusiastic about Alcorn is that Eisenhower may decline to state his preference if the seven-member group presents more than one name.

Four or Five Mentioned

The report that Alcorn heads the list of prospects came last night from a highly placed Republican who asked that his name not be used. He agreed four or five persons were being discussed for the chairmanship. But he predicted there would be no contest once Eisenhower's wishes are known.

Besides Alcorn and Bliss, others mentioned as possibilities include Harry Darby, Kansas national committee man and former senator; L. Judson Morhouse, New York State chairman; and Howard Pyle, former governor of Arizona and now a presidential assistant.

Friends of Alcorn said they believe his chances are good in spite of publication Thursday of a telegram purporting to say Harold E. Stassen, Eisenhower's disarmament aide, to many national committee members. This telegram, sent from Stamford, Conn., urged Alcorn's election and said it was time for "liberals to take a stand."

Stassen has denounced the telegram as a fake.

U. of Alabama Trustees Found Within Rights

Federal Judge Upholds Ouster from School Of Autherine Lucy

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — U.S. Dist. Judge H. Hobart Grooms Friday ruled that trustees of the University of Alabama were within their rights when they expelled Autherine Lucy Foster, the first Negro to attend the school.

Grooms' ruling climaxed the 4½ years of legal battle waged by the former Birmingham secretary to study at the all-white university in this deep south state.

Mrs. Foster attended the university for three days last February, then was expelled for bringing unapproved charges against school officials.

She had said they had conspired in rioting which drove her from the campus Feb. 6, but she later dropped the charges. It was for this reason that she was expelled.

"Grooms said in his ruling that 'the evidence offered upon this hearing establishes the fact that the charges and statements ... are baseless and without foundation in fact.'" He ordered the woman to pay court costs.

Mrs. Foster's attorneys had asked that Grooms find the trustees in contempt for failing to re-admit her to the university.

The woman, who later married a minister and is living in Texas, was not present at Friday's hearing. Her attorney, Arthur D. Shores, said he would study the decision before announcing whether the case will be appealed.

Fishing Ban to Go Into Effect

PORTLAND (AP) — A long planned move to close the Columbia river to commercial fishing above Bonneville dam will go into effect February 1.

The Oregon State Fish Commission, meeting here with the director of fisheries for Washington state, reached the decision after hearing sportsmen groups urge its immediate adoption.

Commercial fishermen and packers agreed also that the closure might be necessary to protect spawning fish in the upper river but their recommendations were not as broad as those voiced by conservationists.

The commercial fishing ban above Bonneville applies to every one, Spokane said, and does not exclude Indians from the rule.

Yearly Pay Proves Help To Senators

Oregon's lawmakers find the lump-sum payment plan suits them very well this year.

The state constitution says that if the Senate didn't organize Friday, the Senators must go off the payroll until they do organize.

The provision will probably be ignored by the Senators, because that section could be enforced when lawmakers were paid by the day.

Now the legislators get a lump sum of \$500 a year. It would be hard to apply the stop-pay rule.

Bridges Seeks To Raise Dues

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Harry Bridges has started a drive to raise the dues of International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union members to a dollar a month because he says, the union is broke.

And at \$1 a month, Bridges said Friday in his column in the ILWU bi-weekly newspaper, "The Dispatcher," the dues will be among the lowest in the country.

The 25-cent raise has been recommended by the ILWU executive board and is expected to be acted upon at the union's 12th biennial convention here starting April 1.

"We're not out to build up any surplus or reserve," Bridges said. "As far as the ILWU is concerned, our reserves are in the pockets of our members. If the membership isn't ready to vote these reserves in an emergency, the union will go under anyway."

The union president said that "inflation has made the (dues) increase necessary ... the cost of operating a democratic union has gone up."

Hopes Waning For Miners

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Hopes for live coal miners waned today as the hours passed and a steady relay of men searched doggedly at a mass of rubble blocking the tunnel in which they were trapped by an explosion.

The midmorning blast yesterday trapped the miners approximately a thousand feet from the portals of the independently operated mine 6½ miles northeast here.

A sixth member of the crew survived. He had left the mine shaft on a routine chore a few moments before the explosion.

The big blast, believed caused by explosion of methane gas or coal dust in the tunnel, shook a 25-foot mass of rock, dirt and timber into the shaft 203 feet from the mine entrance. This was 700 feet above the point where the men are believed to be.

Suomela Favored As Commissioner Of Fish, Wildlife

WASHINGTON (AP) — Arnie J. Suomela, formerly associate director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, has been recommended for appointment to the new post of commissioner of fish and wildlife, it was reported Saturday.

Interior Department sources said Suomela's name has been recommended to President Eisenhower. The job was authorized by Congress last year.

Suomela was Oregon State director of fisheries from 1955 until he joined the Fish and Wildlife Service here in 1953.

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Preview of Inaugural Parade



WASHINGTON—Military units swing down Pennsylvania Avenue today in a time test for Monday's Inaugural parade. An Army band leads the way and is followed by troops of the 3rd Infantry. In far background is the Capitol. (AP Wirephoto)

Economist Says Mint Market Outlook Dark

CORVALLIS (AP) — The peppermint market outlook for 1957 is dark because of record production last year, M. D. Thomas, Oregon State College agricultural economist, said Friday.

Production apparently is increasing faster than use, he told 200 growers at the annual meeting of the Oregon Essential Oil Growers League.

Oregon production was up to an all-time high of 600,000 pounds, which was valued at more than 4½ million dollars, he said.

Besides the dim market outlook, peppermint wilt disease threatens Oregon growers.

Ralph Green, Purdue University scientist who heads the wilt disease research program in the Midwest, urged Oregon growers to start a disease-control program at once.

Green said there was a chance rotation of mint with crops not susceptible to the soil-borne disease would provide relief.

He said Midwest growers are trying two years of mint followed by three years of corn.

Harry Herbert, Corvallis, was elected president and Leon Funke, Corvallis, vice president. Chester Horner, Oregon State College plant pathologist, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Don Fry, Salem, was named to the board of directors.

Texas Senate Vote April 2

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — The special election to fill the U. S. Senate seat vacated by Gov. Price Daniel will be held April 2 giving Republicans another chance this year to gain control of the Senate.

Governor Daniel announced Friday that the special election would be held on a winner-take-all basis. He said no runoff would be held.

Democrats fear that with one Republican and six Democrats running for the seat a division of Democratic votes could throw the election to the GOP.

Senate Republican Leader William Knowland of California has said that anytime the Republicans had a majority in the Senate he would move to reorganize the body.

Democrats now control the Senate 48-47. Should Texas elect a Republican a 48-48 tie would result. Vice President Nixon would break the tie by voting with the Republican Party.

Airmen Describe Journey Over World as 'A Routine Flight'

MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — "A routine flight." That's the way Air Force men describe a hop by three B52 bombers in which the routine took place five to 10 miles in the sky for 45 hours, 19 minutes.

After the red-eyed and weary crewmen clambered yesterday from the trio of Stratofortresses which set a nonstop, round-the-world record, Lt. Col. James H. Morris, 49, said that it was just like other long-distance flights.

"Oh sure," he said, "we stayed up a little longer, but that's the only difference."

Col. Morris was a copilot on the propeller-driven B50 which set the previous record, 94 hours 1 minute, in a 1949 globe-girdling trip.

Others among the 26 officers and men on the three giant jets agreed with Morris; the most tense moment came when the crew members met the reception awaiting them at this air base near Riverside, 60 miles east of Los Angeles. Said Morris: "What a show!"

The base band played, 1,000 airmen cheered and 100 newsmen took pictures or notes as the big planes touched their eight-wheel main landing gear to the runway.

Wrong Label Put on Bottles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Los Angeles firm today was making an "honest and hard" effort to recover mislabeled bottles which may contain turpentine instead of castor oil.

The Food and Drug Administration in Washington, D.C., has warned residents of four West Coast states that bottles of "castor oil" distributed by the Norton Products Co. may contain turpentine.

Gordon Wood, chief of the FDA's local office, said the turpentine was placed by mistake in bottles marked "Norton Castor Oil—4 fluid ounces." These bottles are known to have gone to distributors in Roseburg and North Bend, Ore.; Phoenix, Ariz.; Oakland, Calif.; Fresno, Calif.; Los Angeles and outlets in Nevada.

The agency warned that "turpentine can cause severe burns when taken internally and has been known to cause death when mistakenly administered to infants."

Contractor Mum on Teamster Fund Use for Dave Beck House

Fifth Amendment Invoked by Builder

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Lindsay, a Seattle contractor, refused Saturday to testify whether he had told Senate investigators that funds of the Teamsters Union were used to pay part of the cost of a home for union president Dave Beck.

The question was put to Lindsay after Robert Kennedy, counsel for the Senate investigations subcommittee, had asked him if he knew that Beck had sold his home to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in 1955 for about \$162,000.

Surprise Witness

Lindsay, a surprise witness in the subcommittee's inquiry into alleged labor union racketeering, invoked his Fifth Amendment protection against possible self-incrimination in refusing to answer questions.

His lawyer, James M. McInerney of this city, said Lindsay was forced to take his position since he had been notified by the Treasury Department on Jan. 11 that criminal action was being considered against him for "attempted evasion" of income tax payments.

Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) said Lindsay had "started out to be cooperative" with the subcommittee.

Timber Sales Drop

PORTLAND (AP) — Timber sales in Oregon's public domain lands during 1956 was 25,994,000 board feet, a drop of more than 3 million feet from 1955, the Department of Interior reported Saturday.

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Pius XII received British Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd in private audience today.

Waiting to meet them was Gen. Curtis LeMay, commander in chief of the Strategic Air Command.

He pinned Distinguished Flying Crosses on each of the crewmen, praised by the flight commander, Maj. Gen. Archie J. Old, 50, as "professionals all the way."

The planes circled the globe from west to east. They covered 24,325 miles at an average speed listed unofficially as "better than 530 m.p.h."

Governor Heads For Inauguration In Washington

Gov. and Mrs. Robert D. Holmes are scheduled to leave Portland by air at 8:50 p.m. Saturday to attend the Monday inauguration of President Eisenhower.

If the state Senate has not yet agreed on a president, House Speaker Pat Dooley (D-Portland) will be acting governor. Holmes is scheduled to return to Portland at 9:15 p.m. Tuesday.

The governor said he would meet Monday morning with the Oregon congressional delegation to talk over President Eisenhower's decision not to ask funds to start the John Day Dam on the Columbia River.

Federal aid to education, forest access roads, interstate bridge tolls and the proposed construction of Green Peter Dam in the Willamette Basin also will be discussed, Holmes said.

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tee and "give the facts" but then had received "this threat to bring criminal proceedings" from the Treasury.

Sequence Unusual

McCarthy added "the sequence seems unusual." He said that while he was not accusing the Internal Revenue Service "of trying to shut out our witnesses," he did know that "there is tremendous pressure to sweep this matter under the rug."

However, another subcommittee member, Sen. Mundt (R-S.D.) said it appeared the Treasury Department's letter to Lindsay was "in conformity with standard operating procedure."

Sen. McClellan (D-Ark.) the subcommittee chairman, interjected that the department's letter spoke for itself.

Under questioning, Lindsay acknowledged receiving a telephone call from Kennedy last month. At the time Kennedy was in Chicago and Lindsay was in Seattle. Lindsay is a brother of the late Gordon Lindsay, secretary of the Teamsters' Western Conference.

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