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Man Hopes To Wed Second Wife Again

Fort Worth, Tex.—(U.P.)—Sgt. Lester S. Hammerstein, who had two wives for a time, is back to one today but hopes to divorce her so he can marry again.

Hammerstein thought he got a divorce last year and married a second time. His first wife, however, had the divorce set aside to the Carswell Air Force sergeant's second wife had her marriage annulled.

The sergeant now has filed a suit for a second divorce from his first wife and, if he gets it, plans to marry his second wife a second time.

McCarthy Fails To Surprise Mrs. FDR

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, here to address the national CIO convention today, indicated she was not surprised at Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's denunciation of President Eisenhower.

The widow of the late President was asked what she thought of the denunciation when she arrived here by plane last night at International Airport.

"If you can accuse Gen. George Marshall, you can accuse anyone," Mrs. Roosevelt said, referring to the Wisconsin senator's one-time criticism of the general. "It will have just that much effect."

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy stood virtually alone today in his denunciation of President Eisenhower. Most Republicans and Democrats rallied to the chief executive's defense.

Senate GOP Leader William F. Knowland, Republican National Chairman Leonard F. Hall and even some McCarthy supporters bluntly repudiated the senator's charge that Mr. Eisenhower has been "weak" toward Communism.

Only Sen. Herman Welker (R-Ida.) endorsed the 350-word statement in which McCarthy made his final break with the white House and plunged the Republicans into a new crisis expected to be carried all the way to the party's 1956 national convention.

Mr. Eisenhower had a chance to fire back at his news conference today. But insiders said he had no intention of pouring new ammunition in the dispute.

Administration sources believe McCarthy's statement was an attempt to goad the President into a personal duel. There is no need for Mr. Eisenhower to reply in kind, they said, since his record of anti-Communism is clear and his less than enthusiastic attitude toward McCarthy is hardly a secret.

Leaves for Secret Spot

McCarthy made his surprise statement Tuesday shortly before leaving for a 10-day rest at a secret retreat. He denounced Mr. Eisenhower for praising two leaders in his condemnation by the Senate and for a "shrinking show of weakness" toward Communism. And he apologized for supporting the President's election in 1952.

It was the final smashup of McCarthy's long-troubled relations with the President. And in the welter of statements and speculation that followed, these general conclusions emerged today:

1. Few Republicans are presently ready to follow McCarthy into an open conflict with a President who is considered necessary to keep the party in power and, if possible somewhat unified.
2. A showdown between pro-Eisenhower and McCarthy supporters is almost sure to come at the GOP's 1956 national convention and the effect on the party's chances in that year's presidential elections could be crucial. The pressure on Mr. Eisenhower to run for another term will be intense.
3. In the opinion of many Republicans, McCarthy gave the Democrats a political boost by tagging the administration with the same charges of softness toward Communism which Republicans have used against the Democrats.
4. McCarthy's attack on the President was viewed by some observers as a clear indication he was more deeply affected by his Senate condemnation than he wanted people to think.

Nixon Won't Comment

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon declined to comment but in Los Angeles a member of the President's cabinet, Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell, said "All my upbringing makes by blood boil that this attack was made on the President... the record indicates McCarthy's allegations are unfounded."

Democrats were not exactly broken up by the widening fissure in the GOP. But Sen. John C. Stennis (D-Miss.), a member of the censure committee, said he was "deeply concerned at



COMES BACK STRONG—Senator Joseph R. McCarthy interrupts a hearing of his special investigating subcommittee to read a statement accusing President Eisenhower of congratulating those who, he said, delay exposure of Reds and at the same time urging "patience, tolerance, and niceties to those who are torturing American uniformed men." McCarthy said he was making the statement in "view of the fact this may be my temporary swan song as chairman of the investigating committee."

Chiang's Commandos Raid Communist Isle

Taipei, Formosa—(U.P.)—Nationalist Chinese commandos raided Communist-held Tapai island near Quemoy before dawn today and captured 14 sleeping Communist soldiers.

Military spokesman Col. Hsieh Huang said the Nationalists took their captives to Quemoy, four miles southwest of Tapai, for questioning.

In other activity, Hsieh said, two Red Chinese patrol boats shelled Nationalist-held Peiyu-shan island in the Tachen group last night and Red artillery fired on Yikiangshan.

Three hundred miles to the south at Quemoy, the Communists fired 12 rounds on the beach defenses.

Thief Takes Money

Guthrie, Okla.—(U.P.)—Sheriff Andy Jelsma hunted today for the audacious thief who broke into the Logan County clerk's office and stole \$48.65 during the lunch hour Tuesday. The clerk's office is two floors above Jelsma's.

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any attack from whatever source that in any way impugns the loyalty of the President of the United States."

Welker said in Los Angeles that he is backing McCarthy because Mr. Eisenhower should not have praised McCarthy's critics. The President praised the first censure speech of Sen. Ralph E. Flanders (R-Vt.), and Saturday lauded the work Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R-Utah), did as chairman of the censure committee.

Bridges Ducks Issue

Sen. Styles M. Bridges (R-N.H.), Senate president pro tem and a McCarthy supporter, ducked siding either with Mr. Eisenhower or McCarthy. But the reaction of other Republicans was generally emphatic and in some cases angry.

From Nassau, Bahamas, Knowland said "This administration has not been and in my judgment will not be in the future soft on the issue of Communism." Knowland voted against McCarthy's condemnation.

Says Blast 'Improper'

Sen. Barry M. Goldwater (R-Ariz.), longtime McCarthy backer who also opposed the condemnation resolution, called McCarthy's charges "improper" and claimed the administration "has conducted a vigorous fight against Communism."

Another senator, considered one of McCarthy's close friends, said privately that the Wisconsin Republican has a clearly broken with the Republican party. But McCarthy himself told reporter "I have no interest whatsoever—at the present time—in a third party." He did not explain the phrase: "At the present time."

Hall said McCarthy's break with the White House was a "major error" and added that McCarthy has joined "strange

company." Hall had just got through the new national Democratic chairman for criticizing Mr. Eisenhower.

Termed 'Irresponsible'

Watkins said McCarthy appeared to be "the same irresponsible McCarthy that the Senate by an overwhelming vote condemned Thursday." He defended the administration's record on Communism and denied the censure committee held up McCarthy's Communist investigations as the latter claimed.

Flanders, author of the original censure resolution, said McCarthy had issued a "declaration of war" against Mr. Eisenhower and the GOP. Sen. Charles E. Potter (Mich.), only Republican member of McCarthy's investigating subcommittee to vote for his condemnation, felt the senator's "latest outburst should be written off as a reflex irritation."

McCarthy delivered his blast during a hearing of his investigating subcommittee. He called it a kind of "swan song" since he will have to step out as chairman when the Democrats take over in January.

State Aid Lacking In Water Development

Salem—(U.P.)—Water resources development in eastern Oregon is being held up by a lack of state planning aid, the Upper Columbia river basin committee said in its annual report to Gov. Paul Patterson and the state legislature.

The report said projects were also delayed by a lack of funds to complete surveys started by the U.S. army corps of engineers and the U.S. bureau of reclamation.

The commission said many deservng irrigation projects proposed could solve repayment difficulties if Congress authorized general application of a basin-wide principle of repayment.

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