

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington —(U.P.)— What's new in Washington:

Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson was briefing a society of business editors on his job. The secretary remarked: "I have found the job intriguing, fatiguing and frustrating. It is a combination of highly important things and tremendous trifles. It is difficult to get good men. The people we need sit next to God and have financial and technical experience . . . These people are hard to find."

In the park across from the Capitol these days youngsters by the thousands are cluttering up things with basket lunches and camera shooting. The senators and congressmen are aware of the potentials of "I saw our congressman and I got his autograph," when kids go back to their voting parents. The lawgivers aren't shy. A lot of them walk out of the Capitol Building pen in hand.

In the current session, the Senate has had a lot of week ends off. But, the while, the Senate is getting a lot of work done. Under the leadership of Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, the Senate has passed 408 bills and has approved 30,728 nominations, from the littlest postmaster way on up.

The Library of Congress has a softball league. When last heard from the "book cleaners" had lost four and won none, but the fellows in the card index department were riding high with two wins and no losses. The card fellows had the help of the weatherman. They were rained out twice.

The National Women's Press

Sicilian Election Boost for Scelba

Palermo, Sicily —(U.P.)— The Christian Democrats' victory in Sicily's regional election was regarded today as a boost for Premier Marlon Scelba's centrist coalition and a key to his survival in the impending governmental crisis.

The pro-American premier, a Sicilian himself, faces a no-confidence motion when the Italian Parliament re-convenes in Rome June 13. His party's gains in the week end election were seen as an important factor in swinging the sentiment in his favor.

Scelba had successfully stalled off the cabinet crisis on the ground that the Christian Democrats should first see the Sicilian elections through.

In one of the most orderly elections in its history, the land of vendetta gave the Catholic party a clear edge over the Communist-Socialist opposition. The Christian Democrats gained seven seats in the 90-seat parliament of the autonomous island region.

The gains gave the Christian Democrats a 37-30 edge over the leftist group in Parliament, the number of Communist-Socialist seats remained unchanged.

Mother Kills Two Children and Self

Dayton, O —(U.P.)— Mrs. Mary Augusta Blakesley, 29, an attractive wife and mother, killed her two children and then herself yesterday because she "didn't want the children to grow up" like herself, according to police.

Her husband, Robert, 34, discovered the shotgun killings when he returned home from work. He said his wife had been moody and had declined to leave their home recently. He found the body of his son, Michael, 7, atop a chest in the attic. The body of his daughter, Debora, 9 months, was on a sofa and that of his wife was on the floor, the gun near her.

Police declined to reveal contents of a note they said she left.

Sterling Hayden, Wife In Property Settlement

Hollywood —(U.P.)— Actor Sterling Hayden and his estranged wife, Betty, have completed a property settlement to pave the way for a Nevada divorce, it was disclosed today.

Mrs. Hayden's attorneys said she would leave here Wednesday to establish residence for the divorce in Las Vegas, Nev.

Under the settlement, she will receive 25 per cent of Hayden's earnings for four years, whether she remarries or not, plus their house and car.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 1 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

Club held its annual dinner and stunt show with Ike and Mamie as the honored guests. The stunt show was titled: "Out of This World." The title prompted Sen. Bob Kerr, the Oklahoma Democrat, to remark in his news letter that the phrase "out of this world" used to be the pet expression of the President. And, according to Sen. Kerr, Ike's "overuse of it became a pet peeve of Mrs. Ike."

When the Washington Senators are riding low the problem of parking at Griffith Stadium is of little moment, except perhaps on the week end. During a recent week end, a lot of fans drove into a nearby recreation department playground, and were waved in by a gang of eager kids who collected \$1.50 per car.

The kids disappeared and right behind them came the cops, who put a ticket under each windshield wiper for parking in an illegal zone. Whatever the fan paid to get into the ball park, he also paid \$1.50 to park, and a \$3 fine for a parking violation.



MEETS WITH CABINET—Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden (left) waves as he arrives at Number Ten Downing Street, after meeting with his cabinet on the effects of the rail strike. Eden is preparing radio appeal to the seventy thousand striking British railway workers. He will emphasize that the week-old strike is endangering the British economy and Britain's position in world trade.

WAR WEAPON STOLEN

Washington Crossing, Pa. —(U.P.)— William Smela, a gun collector, reported to police Monday that someone stole a Civil War cannon from the front lawn of his country home.

DRUNKARD SENTENCED

Watonga, Okla. —(U.P.)— Daniel M. Drunkard, 30, started a 10-day jail term Monday for drunken driving.

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RED JUNKS DESTROYED

Taipei, Formosa —(U.P.)— The Nationalist Chinese air force announced today one of its fighter planes destroyed at least 10 Communist Chinese junks southeast of Shenghu Bay Monday.

Oklahoma Schools To Accept Negroes

Oklahoma City, Okla. —(U.P.)— Oklahoma colleges and universities will open their doors to Negroes next September.

The State Board of Regents For Higher Education voted 8 to 1 yesterday to authorize governing boards of the various colleges to accept qualified Negro enrollees for the fall term.

The sole dissenting vote was cast by Frank Buttram, Oklahoma City oilman, who once was a Democratic candidate for governor.

Regents President W. D. Little, Ada, Okla., newspaper publisher, said the policy was adopted to conform with the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling outlawing segregation of the races in public schools.

Previously, Oklahoma has furnished "equal but separate" educational facilities for Negroes.

However, Negroes have been admitted to graduate schools in state colleges for several years. Negroes seeking undergraduate work have been required to attend Langston University, a segregated institution.

New Effort Scheduled In Trucking Strike

Los Angeles —(U.P.)— AFL Teamsters and trucking industry representatives were scheduled to meet again today in an effort to end the 19-day-old trucking strike in 11 Western states.

Federal Conciliator John Fenton said after yesterday's negotiations that most of the major issues in the dispute were settled. He indicated a settlement might come soon.

Portland Theaters Declared 'Unfair'

Portland —(U.P.)— Three movie theaters were placed on the "unfair" list of the Portland Central Labor council last night. The Division Street and Powell Drive-Ins and the Hood theater in Gresham were put on the list because the motion picture operators' union had not been able to negotiate contracts with the theater owners, Secretary Gust Anderson said.

In other business, the council elected Anderson and President Bill Way to attend the Oregon State Federation of Labor at Medford the last week in July.

Whitfield Nomination Hearings Under Way

Washington —(U.P.)— The Congressional Atomic Energy committee has begun secret hearings on the long-stalled nomination of Allen Whitfield to be a member of the Atomic Energy commission.

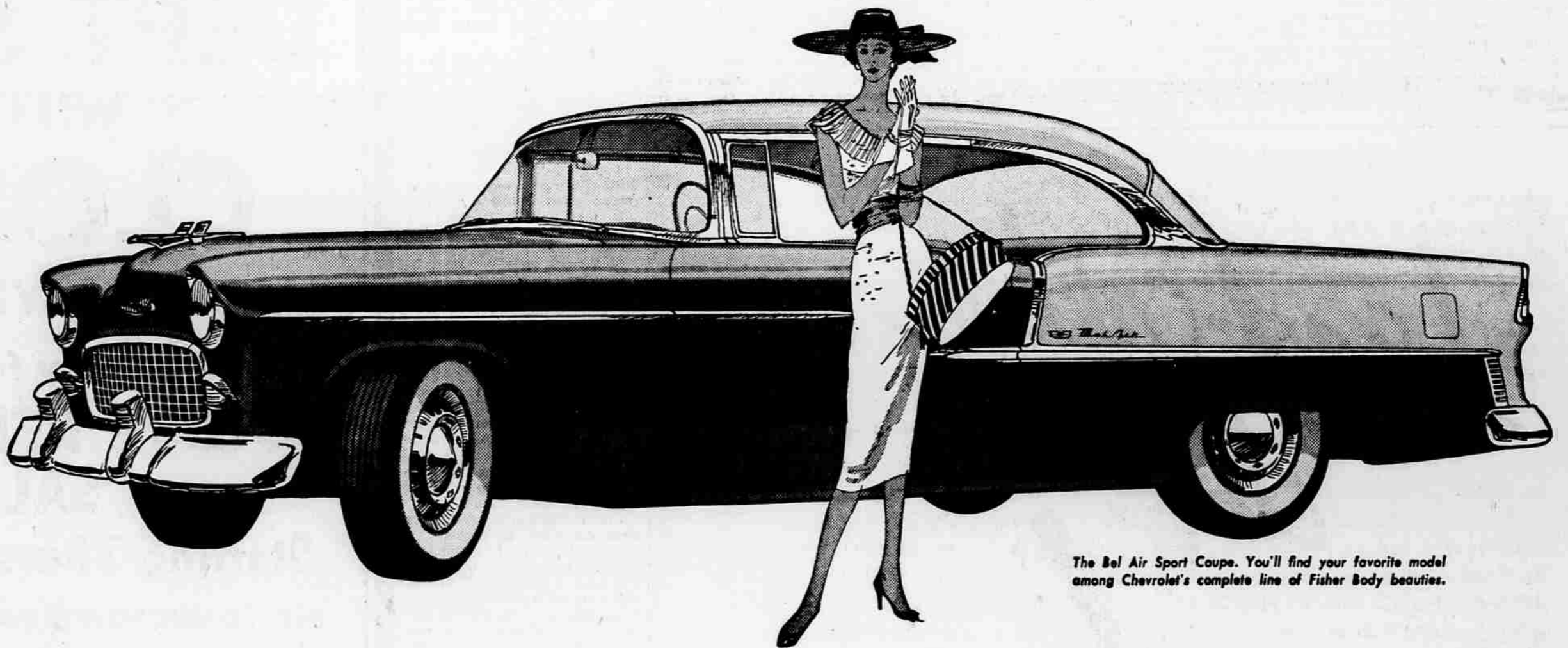
Chairman Clinton P. Anderson, (D-N.M.), said the committee met privately on the nomination yesterday and plans to hold public hearings later on.

The first closed-door meeting was devoted to going through part of a committee staff report on Whitfield, Anderson said. The committee intends to go through the entire report to determine what matters should be covered in public hearings, he said.

SENATORS ANGRY

Havana, Cuba —(U.P.)— Two opposition senators attempted to settle their differences with a gun duel in a meeting room Monday. Gilberto Leyva and Eduardo Suarez drew guns after a hot exchange of words. Colleagues intervened before bullets began to fly.

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