

Eden Hears Repeated Cries for Resignation

McKay Tells Willingness To Be Interior Secretary Again

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Washington—If President Eisenhower wants him, Douglas McKay is willing to spend another four years as secretary of the Interior.

That's assuming the American people want the President to serve another term in the White House—and McKay is confident they will.

Candidacy Brushed Aside
The ex-Governor of Oregon had expressed a personal desire in recent months to retire to private life. Last month when Gov. Paul Patterson died, McKay brushed aside all pleas that he consider running in Patterson's place as a candidate for the U.S. Senate against Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.).

But in the wake of Eisenhower's decision to stand for reelection, McKay said this week, "I've got no plans. If the President wants me to stay, I'll stay."

The secretary said that assuming the President is reelected, he intends to submit his resignation just in case Eisenhower wants to make a change.

"Maybe a few new faces in the cabinet wouldn't be a bad idea," said McKay jokingly. "Anything he wants me to do is alright with me."

As for the President's decision, McKay said, "I think it is wonderful." He said he thought Eisenhower would win, after "a dirty campaign," but that Re-

publicans should run scared.

McKay said he thought Eisenhower at the head of the ticket would have a decidedly favorable effect upon the prospects of Republican candidates this fall.

McKay's own willingness to continue in office is expected to quell speculation that had been going the rounds that if he stepped out he would be succeeded by Washington Gov. Arthur B. Langlie, or Idaho's ex-Gov. Len Jordan or Undersecretary Clarence A. Davis of Nebraska.

As for his own campaign efforts, McKay said he is at the



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service of his party.

"If they ask me, sure I'll campaign," he explained. "But I'm not going to volunteer. I'm controversial too, so we'll let the local people decide what's best for the party."

"I think it (Eisenhower's decision) will make Wayne Morse sick," declared McKay when asked what effect it would have upon Oregon contests.

"The issue is going to be, 'Do you like Eisenhower or do you like Wayne Morse? You can't like them both, because nobody has been a worse critic of the President than Morse,'" McKay went on.

To Duck Oregon Primary
McKay said he planned to stay strictly out of the Oregon primary this spring, rather than take sides for GOP candidates seeking the nomination for governor or senator.

He recalled that in the 1954 primary both Earl Newby and the late Gov. Patterson were "mad at me" when they were campaigning against one another for the GOP gubernatorial nomination. McKay that year went into Oregon for one major speech on the administration's power policy, which Newby had criticized in his campaign.

While this displeased the Newby forces, McKay's unwillingness to campaign directly for Patterson made the late governor unhappy with him, he said.

Pressure Mounts For More Firm Mid-East Policy

Paper Says Move Would Bring Respect
London — (U.P.) — Pressure mounted today against Prime Minister Anthony Eden for Britain to assert itself in the Middle East as one means of preventing an Arab-Jewish war.

If Britain did assert itself, the Daily Mail commented, "it would surprise not only her enemies but would startle her friends into treating us with a little more respect."

Press comment, even by pro-Conservative newspapers like the Daily Mail, was increasingly critical of Eden's apparent indecision and his dependence on the United States for guidance.

Eden won a vote of confidence in the House of Commons Wednesday night on his Mideast policy, but he was greeted by a storm of jeering from the Laborite opposition and repeated cries of "resign!"

Outburst Recalled Munich
The outburst against Eden was one of the noisiest and most hostile against a prime minister since Neville Chamberlain came under attack for his Munich agreements more than 16 years ago.

The vote on the censure measure was a straight party-line victory, 312 to 252, with the 40 or more "Suez rebels" in the Conservative Party supporting Eden as promised.

Eden took his strongest stand against Egypt and said, "If the Egyptians want friendly relations with the Western powers, these can be got, but not at any price."

Baghdad Pact Upheld
He reaffirmed his belief in the Baghdad Pact and declared that Britain would stand by her obligations in the Middle East and "pursue them, whatever the consequences, until the end of the road."

Eden also declared Britain would uphold the 1950 declaration by Britain, France and the United States guaranteeing the Arab-Israeli armistice despite "all its possible ominous consequences for the people of this country."

But when pressed by Conservatives and Laborites alike to set forth a firm new Middle East policy Eden would only say:

"To attempt to do so now with such information as we have would not only be premature but probably dangerous to our own interests and rather more, perhaps, to those of Jordan."

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Flexible Price Supports Expected To Be Continued

Senate Leaders See Necessary Votes
Washington — (U.P.) — Senate leaders indicated today that the administration forces apparently have the votes to continue flexible farm price supports in the showdown vote scheduled this afternoon.

Republican Leader William F. Knowland flatly predicted that "rigid price supports will be eliminated" from the farm bill.

Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson wouldn't dispute the claim that the flexible support forces would win by a few votes.

Earlier today, only a few hours before the scheduled start of the big farm vote, the administration made a major move to muster additional support for continuing flexible farm supports.

It formally offered to support cotton prices this year at about 86 or 87 per cent of parity.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson made the offer in a letter to Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.). Aiken made the letter public a few hours before the Senate was scheduled to start voting on the farm bill.

Benson also said he would be willing to forego a scheduled cut in cotton acreage next year if Congress votes for continuation of the administration-backed flexible supports ranging from 75 to 90 per cent of parity.

The pending Democratic farm bill calls for restoring rigid price supports at 90 per cent of parity on basic farm crops. It also would provide for the administration-backed \$1,100,000,000 soil bank.

Aiken said the administration also will not oppose a move to increase the allotted corn acreage from about 43,000,000 acres to about 56,000,000 acres if flexible price supports are continued. Aiken, leader of administration farm forces in the Senate, said he will support the proposal of corn belt senators for increased acreage.



DISCUSS WAR POSSIBILITY—Arabia's King Saud (center) and Syria's President Shukry El Kuwaty (right) meet with Egypt's Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser (left) at Koubah Palace in Cairo for strategy conference that could determine whether there is to be peace or war in the Middle East. A series of clashes involving Israeli have heightened possibilities.

Registrar's Failure To Pass 24 White Voter Applicants Rapped

Minden, La.—(U.P.)—A woman registrar disclosed today that her compliance with white Citizens Council demands for strict enforcement of voter qualification laws has flunked 24 white applicants.

Mrs. Winnie P. Clement, 56-year-old widow, said the two dozen white applicants for voter

registration were unable to interpret the U. S. Constitution as required by state law.

The rise in Negro voting power to some 2,000, against 12,000 white voters in Webster Parish (county) recently made Mrs. Clement the target of protests by pro-segregation Citizens Councils.

Mrs. Clement said she had previously followed the custom of passing all seemingly literate applicants without test.

"But now that I'm enforcing the law maybe they'll be satisfied," she said.

Louisiana's voting laws, like those of other states which once tried to secede from the Union, are based upon a historical determination to prevent Negroes from voting.

Mrs. Clement, registrar since 1940, said that since the custom was to register whites without tests she permitted Negroes to register similarly.

The Citizens Councils bombarded Gov. Robert Kennon with protests about Mrs. Clement. The Webster Parish Police Jury (administrative body) sent Kennon a resolution asking that she be "investigated."

When the registration books were reopened on Feb. 23, she

said, she adopted a policy of strict compliance with the law, which meant asking each applicant to interpret a section of the U. S. Constitution.

"They want the Negroes to interpret the Constitution," she said. "That's all right and it's the law. But if the Negroes have to do it so do the white people. That's only being fair."

She said the two dozen white men and women who have applied since then failed the test.

She said there have been only two Negro applicants and she incidentally flunked both of them, but for other reasons.

Three Sentenced In Circuit Court

David Daniel Henderson, 42, Portland, received a three-year suspended sentence in circuit court today on a charge of attempting to obtain narcotic drugs unlawfully.

Henderson returned to Medford on his own recognizance, according to District Attorney Walter Nunley.

Robert Lee Smith, 37, of 308 Chestnut st., was sentenced yesterday to one year, six months in the state penitentiary after pleading guilty last month to a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

He was arrested by Central Point police. The case involved checks.

Leland B. Peters, 26, Prineville, was given a year's suspended sentence on a non-support charge. The case of D. J. Stoke, 34, 330 North Holly st., who pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses involving checks, was continued for a probation officer report.

SP Discontinuance Hearing Postponed

The public utilities commissioner's hearing on discontinuance of Southern Pacific's passenger service to this area, originally scheduled for March 15, has been postponed to April 26, it was reported today.

State Sen. Philip B. Lowry, one of three legislators who have protested the end of SP passenger service between Eugene and Ashland, said the PUC office delayed the hearing which will be held in the federal courtroom of the Post Office building.

Lowry said there will be three phases to the hearings, first the presentation of testimony by members of the public and groups having an interest; second a technical review of rates, schedules and allied matters, and third, a rebuttal period for both the SP and those opposing the end of passenger service.

Senator Lowry this morning asked the board of directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce to be represented at the hearing, and representation is being sought from other organizations. Lowry said he is anxious to learn of public opinion on the matter.

The one daily passenger train operated here by the SP was discontinued last year. The action was followed by a number of protests and legal matters which have culminated in the public hearings to be held in April.

Timber Bid Opening Postponed by Snow

Opening of bids on 2,600,000 board feet of timber in the Willow creek area in the Rogue River National forest has been postponed until April 23, forest service officials announced today.

Bids were scheduled to be opened at the forest service office here at 2 p.m., Monday, March 12.

The forest service said the bid opening was postponed because unusually heavy snow has prevented prospective purchasers from looking over the timber.

The sale will be readvertised, they said.

Portland Meatcutters Vote To Go on Strike

Portland — (U.P.) — The meatcutters union in Portland has voted to go on strike at independent and chain meat markets March 16.

Amos R. Buck, secretary-treasurer of the union, said members voted "by more than 20 to 1" to go on strike unless a settlement is reached before March 16.

Water-Flow Forecasts Hit Record Highs in SW Oregon

Above average precipitation last month pushed all water-flow forecasts in southwestern and southcentral Oregon to new record highs, according to the March 1 forecast of the Medford weather bureau.

For the fourth consecutive month, precipitation was well above average. During December, January and February, southwestern Oregon had twice the average amount for the period. South central Oregon, for the same period, had 2 1/2 to 3 times the average.

February precipitation in

Johns-Mansville Buys Klamath Tract

Portland — (U.P.) — The Bureau of Indian Affairs today announced that Johns-Mansville Corporation had purchased 131 acres of allotted land on the Klamath Indian reservation to assure access to its proposed hardwood plant.

The tract was purchased for \$25,000 from Nicholas Rossi, a Klamath Indian who had bought the trust allotment several years ago. Sale was arranged through the Bureau of Indian Affairs office here.

Johns-Mansville representatives have said they would manufacture hardwood from lodgepole pine, the species which has proved of no commercial value in the past but which covers millions of acres in the Klamath basin.

Portland — (U.P.) — City Commissioner Ormond R. Bean has withdrawn as a candidate for mayor of Portland.

Weather

FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness with a chance of a few scattered light showers tonight. Patches of valley fog early Friday morning. Partly cloudy during day. Low tonight 32. High Friday 50.

Highest Yesterday	41
Lowest This Morning	35
Pre. to 4:30 a.m. Today	Trace

Road Conditions

Highway 99, Siskiyou — Spots of ice, no new snow.
Highway 99, north — Open, pavement bare.
Highway 66, Green Springs — Packed snow, sanded; traffic moving without chains; trace of new snow.
Highway 62, Prospect — Pavement bare, no new snow.
California highways — Highway 99, carrying chains advised; Highway 97, spots of ice.

Mercy Flights Pilot Drops Food To Group

Grants Pass — (U.P.) — An air drop of food was made today to six persons stranded by heavy snow at a coal mine in Del Norte county, Calif., 32 miles southwest of O'Brien, Ore.

Stranded at the Azalea Coal Mine without communication with the outside world since Feb. 13 were Walter Freeman, Grants Pass, operator of the coal mill at the mine; Mr. and Mrs. James Perry, Seaside, mine owners, and three miners, Lou Liveley, "Pop" Miller and Larry Lee, all of Cave Junction.

Last word from them was brought out Feb. 13 by Lee's wife who said they were all right then.

A plane from Mercy Flights of Medford took off at 12:45 p.m. today to drop 150 pounds of food to the stranded party. Pilotting the plane was George Milligan of Medford. Accompanying him were Orville Cooper, Cave Junction, a Forest Service smoke jumper, and Dean Axtell, Grants Pass.

Ralph James Files For Nomination as Commissioner Here

Ralph A. James, route 2, Gold Hill, filed his candidacy today for the Democratic nomination for county commissioner. He is the only Democrat seeking the office, so far.

Republicans seeking nomination are the incumbent, L. G. (Shy) Morthland, and Melvin J. Lattie.

Mr. and Mrs. James have lived in the Sams Valley district more than 15 years. He helped organize the first soil conservation district in the county; is chairman of the Sams Valley Beagle land owners committee holding oil leases for drilling and exploration work, and has been active in Grange and other community organizations.

A candidate for commissioner in 1954, James said his interest is "substantial construction, with monies spent wisely."

His was one of two names submitted to the county court for appointment to fill the office of the late Ralph Sweeney. He was school clerk in the county for several years and had nine years' office experience before coming to Oregon.

He is a member of the Gospel church.

Funds Said Released For Tillamook Project

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.), said today the budget bureau had released \$200,000 for work on Tillamook bay and bar project in Oregon. He said this cleared the way for Army engineers to start on the project.

Pakistan Receives Formal Protection By SEATO Nations

Karachi, Pakistan — (U.P.) — The Southeast Asia Treaty Organization today gave Pakistan formal protection against Afghanistan's Soviet-backed claims to part of Pakistan's northern border territory.

The decision was announced in the official conference communique which wound up three days of meetings of SEATO's Council of Ministers.

Dulles Tells U.S. Plans
The communique was issued shortly after Secretary of State John Foster Dulles told the conference that a strong strategic striking force was the basis of America's new Asian defense plans.

The communique covered a number of points which ranged from military preparedness to economic improvement of member nations as deterrents to possible aggression.

The council said it hoped the use of force would continue to be avoided in settlement of international disputes. But it added that it recognized the necessity of creating and maintaining powerful deterrents against aggression.

Philosophy Summed Up
In essence, the communique summed up the philosophy of the SEATO treaty group this way:

"While convinced of the necessity of adequate defense programs and cooperation to preserve national independence and cultural traditions of their countries, they are equally determined to press forward with national and international programs to raise the standards of living in the treaty area."

Arab 'Big Three' Adopt Combative Attitude on West

Cairo — (U.P.) — The Arab "big three"—Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia—adopted a more combative attitude toward the Western powers today.

The heads of state of the three nations met to study possible offensive action to be taken against countries that provide Israel with weapons and Jewish recruits.

France especially came under fire because of reports that nation was about to sell 12 Mystery jet fighter planes to the Israeli air force. Relations between the Arab world and France recently had improved because of France's more responsive policy toward North African independence and French criticism of the Baghdad Pact.

Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt, President Shukry El-Kuwaty of Syria and King Saud of Saudi Arabia also decided to invite King Hussein of Jordan to a broadened Arab state meeting. Other nations may be invited later to form a unified Arab front.

The three leaders met for three hours last night with their foreign ministers to discuss their hardened attitude toward nations supplying Israel and adjourned until today.

A spokesman said they studied effective measures to support Jordan against any foreign pressure or aggression. It was understood this included the question of supplying Jordan with financial aid to replace the British \$25,200,000 annual subsidy.

Would Be Aggression
The Arab nations in a meeting yesterday decided that any Israeli diversion of the River Jordan would constitute aggression and bring immediate retaliation. All three nations are bound together in mutual defense pacts.

Israel has been reported planning to divert the water of the Jordan river for irrigation and land reclamation projects.

Fluoride Hearing Slated in Ashland

Ashland — The Ashland city council this week called a public hearing on the question of adding fluorides to the city water supply. It will be Tuesday, March 20, at 8 p.m.

The action was taken after a discussion by councilmen of the advantages of fluoridation of municipal water, and of public debate and controversy which have arisen in some places where it has been proposed.

The council was asked by a committee of ten Ashland doctors and dentists to add fluorides to the water as a public health measure. In a letter to the council they said:

"Numerous studies have demonstrated a large decrease in the amount of dental decay associated with the presence of fluoride occurring naturally in drinking water. Additional studies have demonstrated that similar benefits are provided when fluorides are added to fluoride-deficient water supplies. These studies provide convincing evidence of the safety and health benefits of this procedure."

They added that most medical, dental and public health agencies are on record approving the proposal.

Heltzel Orders Express Rate Tariffs Suspended

Salem — (U.P.) — Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel today ordered suspension of tariffs filed by the railway express agency to increase Oregon intrastate rates by seven per cent.

18 Candidates Listed for Nomination In Primary; Filing Deadline Tomorrow

A total of 18 Jackson county residents are candidates for nomination for county and state offices in the May 18 primary election. Filing deadline for candidates is 5 p.m. tomorrow.

Candidates who have announced thus far include:

State representative — Incumbents E. H. Mann and E. A. Littrell, Republicans; and Robert Duncan and Robert Boyer, Democrats.

Commissioner Candidates
County commissioner — Incumbent L. G. (Shy) Morthland, Melvin Lattie, Republicans; and Ralph A. James, Democrat.

Assessor — Allen D. Curry, Republican; Ray J. Schumacher and Andrew Hawver, Democrats.

Treasurer — Mrs. Anna Scott, Republican; Karl Janouch, Democrat.

District attorney — Incumbent Walter Nunley, and George Rode, Republicans; and Thomas J. Reeder, Democrat.

Surveyor — Incumbent Paul Rynning, Republican.

Non-partisan offices — Incumbent Rawles Moore, district court judge, and incumbent Alf B. Mekvold, county school superintendent.

Voters Registered
The election department has reported that as of March 1, some 24,988 county residents were registered voters. Of the total, some 13,903 were registered as Republicans, 10,568 as Democrats, and 517 miscellaneous and independent.

Mrs. Helen Thomas, voter's service chairman for the League of Women's Voters, noted that there were 36,087 registered voters in the last general election, which leaves more than 11,000 unregistered voters.

She urged potential voters to register as soon as possible. The deadline for registering for the May 18 primary is April 17.

Residents, she pointed out, must register if they have not voted in one election in the past two years, if the person has moved within the precinct or to another precinct; if a person desires a change of party, or if a person's name has been changed through marriage.

Voters must be 21 years old, citizens of the United States, and must have lived in Oregon six months preceding the election.

In order to vote in the May 18 primary, voters must be registered either as a Republican or Democrat. In the general election next November, registered voters may cast ballots for any candidate in any party. Mrs. Thomas pointed out, and need not be registered in the major parties.

Potential voters may register at the elections department in the courthouse or at one of 37 sites throughout the county designated for registering.



RALPH JAMES
Seeks Commissioner Post