

Brownell Denies Saying McKay Failed To Combat Demo Charges

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Washington — Attorney General Herbert Brownell said Wednesday that he "certainly did not tell a prominent Republican or anyone else" that Interior Secretary Douglas McKay has not been successful in combating "give-away" charges—a consideration which this reporter earlier was told led in part to the unexpected exit of McKay from the Cabinet and into the GOP senatorial race in Oregon March 9.

Brownell said that McKay was urged to run by top Republicans here because they regarded him as "the strongest man to beat Wayne Morse."

"He has been a fine, effective member of the Eisenhower team," Brownell said in an interview. "The President was very sorry to lose him."

Disturbed by Reports

Calling this reporter to his office, Brownell said he was disturbed by published reports in Oregon which said he had remarked privately that party officials here were not satisfied with the way McKay had met political criticism from Democratic opponents. The story suggested that for this reason, top party officials were as happy to

see the secretary leave the cabinet as others were to see him running against Senator Morse.

"I feel that the so-called give-away charge of the opposition is a lot of hot air," said Brownell, "and that his record as secretary of interior will stand extensive scrutiny and will turn out to be a record which will be very gratifying to the country of which he himself can be very proud."

Asked whether there was any desire on the part of the Eisenhower administration to have McKay leave the Cabinet as this presidential election campaign got underway, Brownell replied: "I don't think that entered into it at all." Brownell said he was asked by Sherman Adams and the GOP national committee for advice on whether McKay should be urged to resign and tackle Morse.

Knew Nothing of Poll

"I thought he should do it," Brownell said, explaining that McKay would be the strongest candidate against Morse. But he said he knew nothing of the poll taken by the national committee which McKay last week said convinced him that Oregon citizens favored him over other GOP contenders for the Senate.

Brownell said his feeling that McKay was the strongest man stemmed from knowing "him when he was governor and I campaigned in Oregon and knew how highly he was regarded. I was quite sure he was the best known candidate with his record as governor and secretary of the interior. I didn't know of anyone in the state who could match that."

Brownell said he knew of the proposal put to McKay by Adams and Leonard Hall, GOP national chairman, "only a day or two before it came out." He said he did not know what was said at the White House when McKay called on Eisenhower March 8 and then flew to Oregon to file for the Senate.

Ideas Held Inconsistent

As for the report that party leaders thought McKay was vulnerable to criticism and therefore wanted to ditch him, Brownell said:

"If these charges had taken hold at all, they would have taken hold in the Pacific Northwest. And if that were so, I don't see how he would have made the strongest candidate against Morse. The two ideas are just inconsistent. I think he will make a powerful candidate."

Young Tel Aviv Men in Gay Mood Despite Over-Hanging War Cloud

By PETER WEBB
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Tel Aviv, Israel—(U.P.)—The nightclub is jammed. A beautiful Yemenite girl in a skin-tight gold lame gown with elbow length black lace gloves does a wild jitterbug. She's the hit of the floorshow.

The audience stomps and cheers in appreciation. It is made up mostly of young men.

The scene might be one of New York's sexier nightspots or a Paris cabaret. Instead it is Tel Aviv, capital of Israel.

On Army Money

It is only afterwards that one remembers that most of these men are buying drinks on Israel Army paybooks and are subject to overnight mobilization. Even the Yemenite girl probably is in the Army reserve, ready to exchange her gold lame for khaki like a Cinderella at midnight.

For Israel lives today in expectation of war.

There is a "bombier's moon" over the little Jewish state these nights. Fleeting black clouds scud across its full face like winged shadows — which may be the shape of things to come.

To people here the shadows look like Ilyushin-28s, the 500 MPH jet bombers supplied to Egypt by Soviet Russia.

Planes Near Cities

The bombers stationed at Egypt's canal zone airbases, less than 30 minutes' flying time from Israel's major cities and

even closer to its forward airfields in the Sinai desert.

The Jews admit frankly there is nothing to stop them unless the West supplies them with modern fighter planes.

If war comes, Israel's tiny airforce, composed of outmoded British Meteor jets—at least 100 MPH slower than Egypt's MIG-15s—will strike back. But not even Britain's famed "few" of the RAF faced greater odds.

Air raid shelters are being built in all big population centers. The first practice alerts were held a few days ago in Haifa and Beersheba. But everyone here realizes that against jet bombers and fighters it's pretty academic.

No Evacuation

Nor can there be any civilian

evacuation of Israel's 1,800,000 population from the major cities and industrial centers. In a country which narrows at one point to seven miles there is no place to go.

Precise figures have been released here on Soviet arms shipments to Egypt. They include 200 MIG fighters, more than 60 Ilyushin bombers, 334 medium tanks, 50 heavy Stalin tanks, two submarines and hundreds of heavy guns, including the Katusha multiple rocket batteries which helped win the battle of Stalingrad.

It's believed more than half these shipments already have arrived. Some Ilyushins are already flying.

Jews have pretty much come to accept that was is likely.

Chicago Police Sift Ashes To Check Story In Slaying of Boys

Chicago —(U.P.)—Police sifted rain-soaked ashes found in a forest preserve today to see if they backed up a deaf mute's weird story of the murder of three young boys.

The deaf mute, 52-year-old Herman Rohlif, has told in crude picture language that he saw a short, bearded man fight

and kill a naked boy in Robinson's Woods last Oct. 18.

The man then started a fire, Rohlif reported, and drove away, leaving the naked bodies of three young boys in a roadside ditch.

In an effort to back up his story, Rohlif led 200 policemen to the woods Wednesday and pointed to ashes on the rain-soaked ground.

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Increases in Budget Will Assure Saving, County Clerk Says

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Mrs. Hopkins said that to evaluate fairly the increases, "the public should inform itself as to the functions of each department and the reasons behind the requests."

14 Deputies Employed

She pointed out that the clerk's office covers more than 6,000 square feet of floor space and 14 deputies are employed.

The office, Mrs. Hopkins said, "is responsible for the filing, recording and safekeeping of all permanent records such as deeds, mortgages, judgments, mining records, water rights, adoptions, professional licenses, probate documents, income tax and other liens, assumed names, insane commitments, circuit court cases, and others."

Alimony and child support monies are transmitted to 375 recipients, she added, and marriage licenses are issued, divorces recorded, naturalization matters and passport applications handled, and bounties paid on certain animals.

The office, Mrs. Hopkins said, serves as "secretary to the dog control board and to the board of equalization, clerk of the district court, the county court and the circuit court and county recorder, election registrar and auditor."

Competent, Versatile

Mrs. Hopkins said "deputies who are highly competent and versatile are necessary to a proper and efficient handling of all responsibilities of the office, and department heads must have

special qualifications and training."

The election department, recording and legal departments have been modernized by installation of new equipment, and the auditing section has been brought up to date with mechanized bookkeeping equipment, she added. The increase in county business, Mrs. Hopkins said, "justify such an investment" in the auditing department. She noted also that a verifax printer and addressograph installed within the past two years has decreased the need for additional help which would have been necessary.

The 20 per cent increase, Mrs. Hopkins said, covers a "10 per cent increase in deputy salaries and the purchase of modern equipment for the auditing department."

The clerk and recorder's department requested \$71,598.74 for fiscal year 1956-57, an increase of 20.9 per cent.

Mrs. Hopkins said that before salary increases were recommended, "detailed and careful study was made of comparable local business job categories together with consideration of the relation of the cost of living."

She said "justification for the request was apparent."

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National Commercial Tests Set at Talent

Talent—Some 28 students are expected to enter the national commercial contest at Talent High school next week, Principal E. A. Vinckel has announced.

Talent students will be entering for the 10th consecutive year in typing, shorthand and bookkeeping. Last year, Talent students won first place in beginning and advanced shorthand, and have won places since 1951.

Gordon Thoreson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thoreson, Talent, won first in shorthand theory and dictation-transcription last year. Miss Maxine Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Johnson, Talent, was second place in national honors. Both are seniors and have entered the present contest.

More than 8,000 students from high schools throughout the country are expected to compete.

Oregon state civil service examinations for seven graduating senior commerce majors are scheduled for April 18 at Talent, Vinckel said. Seniors will be tested for clerk stenographer.

Southwest Checks Up Dust Storm Damage; Snow Slows Midwest

By UNITED PRESS

A dusty haze hung over four states today and biting winds piled snow into huge drifts in the North.

The dust and snows were keepsakes of a massive storm which drove eastward today. Roads were dangerously iced-coated from the Great Lakes to central Pennsylvania and parts of New York State got a mixture of freezing rain, sleet and snow.

Southwest Winds Dying

The raking winds which churned up a million-dollar dust storm in the Southwest were dying today. But more winds were needed to blow away the dirty haze in the sky.

Suspended dust was reported over western and central Texas and parts of Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri. Visibility was still low in Texas and forecasters didn't expect clear skies until tonight.

Storm Leaves 'Drifts'

The dust storm also left "drifts" several feet high along highways. At Dalhart, Tex., housewives complained that the dust was oily and stuck to their furniture.

Officials had not totaled the dust storm's damage. But half of Colorado's 3,400,000-acre wheat crop was apparently blown away and heavy damage was feared in Kansas wheatlands.

To the north, 30 and 40-mph winds piled almost a foot of snow into drifts across North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Snow plows battled to clear northern Minnesota roads under still-falling snow today and work crews turned out to repair hundreds of snapped telephone lines.

Schools and Stores Close

At Superior, Wis., School children started their Easter vacation a day early when the schools closed Wednesday. All stores closed down during the height of the storm at Superior so employees could get home.

The late March blast took the form of hail storms and drumming rain in the southland.

Swedish Steamer Refused Right To Brazilian Dock

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil—(U.P.)—Customs authorities refused to allow the Swedish steamer Montevideo to dock Tuesday because it allegedly brought 208 automobiles from the United States without import licenses. Brazilian authorities are engaged in a drive to halt illegal automobile imports on grounds they absorb foreign currency needed for more essential goods.

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