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Washington—The White House has decided not to appoint a permanent successor to Douglas McKay as Interior Secretary, until after the Democratic-controlled Congress adjourns in mid-summer.

This decision is expected by Republicans to pull the rug out from under plans to open up full blast on the give-away charge with which they tormented McKay during most of his three years in that office.

Instead of picking a full-fledged cabinet successor to McKay, the president will simply recognize Clarence A. Davis as acting secretary—a designation which does not require confirmation by the Senate.

If Undersecretary Davis had been promoted to secretary, Eisenhower would have had to submit the nomination to the Senate. There the Democrats were already planning a welcoming party in hearings held by the Senate Interior Committee to quiz Davis at length on the role he has played in the various decisions and policy matters on which Democrats hang their give-away argument.

After Congress adjourns, probably by the end of July, the president would be free to appoint Davis or anyone else as Secretary of the Interior for the interim until his first term expires, Congress is once again

in session, and the election is over.

Held Firm Hand
As McKay's undersecretary, Clarence Davis ran the department with a firm hand, in the view of most observers here. He is a 62-year-old attorney from Lincoln, Neb., who started under McKay as the department's solicitor or top legal expert. Davis moved up to undersecretary when Ralph Tudor resigned in late 1954.

Davis was the department's key man in the controversial Al Sarena mining case, which was investigated earlier this year by a joint Senate-House committee at the request of Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.). He was responsible for granting patents to mining claims in Rogue River National Forest which had been earlier rejected by the Bureau of Land Management due to protests against them made by the Forest Service on grounds of inadequate mineralization.

Al Sarena in Campaign
There is no question but what Democrats intend on making wide use of the Al Sarena case in the coming campaign, especially in Oregon where McKay is seeking the GOP senatorial nomination to run against Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.).

The selection of Davis to become acting secretary indicates to most observers that no change in administration policy can be expected in the field of natural resources. Davis, in his many public speeches in recent months, has made it clear that he is a forthright advocate of the various policies now in effect.

Davis is particularly outspoken in defense of the administration's "partnership" power policy of encouraging local utilities to take over development of new electric power sources.

If Eisenhower had appointed him as secretary, senators would have taken the occasion of the hearing on his confirmation to inquire into the role Davis played in the formation of all these policies and to reiterate the Democratic contention that many of them permit special interests to exploit the nation's natural resources.

By an adroit move, the White House has moved to deny their political opponents this election-year opportunity.

Fire Levels Lumber Yard at Klamath Falls
Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Fire early today leveled the Klamath Valley Lumber company here with loss estimated at \$200,000.

The blaze broke out about 4 a.m. and was brought under control about two hours later. Fire Chief Roy Rowe said the building was a mass of flames by the time firemen got the alarm. An auto shop in the rear of the building also was hit by the fire.

The lumber company was owned by John Fowler of Klamath Falls and Verner Carson of Ashland. It stored some 400,000 board feet of lumber, plus roofing and building supplies.

There were no injuries.

Cause of the blaze was not known immediately. Some firemen said it apparently started in the rear of the building.

Seattle Air Filter Center To Be Closed
Portland — (U.P.) — The chief of the air filter center here said today that the Seattle filter center would be closed about June 1 and its functions taken over by the Portland center.

Maj. George W. Manussier, commander of the 4770th ground observer squadron with headquarters at McChord field, said the move was one of a series to remove defense units from potential target areas.

Surveys have been conducted preliminary to removal of the Portland center to a less critical area but Manussier said no decision had yet been reached. The Longview-Kelso area has been considered.

Highway Committee Schedules Hearings
Salem — (U.P.) — The Legislative Highway Interim Committee has scheduled hearings in Corvallis and Coquille April 23; Coquille, Reedsport and Newport, April 24; and Tillamook, April 25.

Discussions will be held on farm plate registration problems, transfer of the weighmasters from the highway department to the state police, establishment of a state parks department not under the jurisdiction of the State Highway Commission, compulsory motor vehicle inspection, and practices and procedures of the highway commission with respect to acquiring property and control of access.

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Story Doesn't Say What Husband Said
Clifton, N. J. — (U.P.) — The Harold M. Edelsteins were a one-car family today and that one was dented.

Mrs. Edelstein, 29, stepped on the brakes of her car Wednesday when the auto in front of her stopped suddenly. She was too late, however, and her car crashed into the other car, driven by her husband. Her car had to be towed away.

Morse Signature Said 'Death Kiss'

Pendleton — (U.P.) — Douglas McKay, in a speech billed as the keynote of his campaign for the Republican nomination for U. S. senator, said last night that Sen. Wayne Morse's signature on a bill was known on the Senate floor as a "kiss of death."

McKay, in his sharpest blast at his prospective opponent since he resigned as interior secretary, said "the Eisenhower administration will not be on the defense in Oregon this year. It is the record of Wayne Morse that will need defense."

McKay claimed that Morse was "97 per cent ineffective in the Senate." He said the figure came from the three bills that were passed of the 83 Morse introduced in the 1953 session of the 83rd Congress.

McKay said Morse's "ineffectiveness" was based partly on "his blind antagonism to the President" and the "accumulating resentments" that come from "a special genius for offensively disagreeing with people."

The former Oregon governor said Morse was the Senate's "greatest obstructionist and dissembler" and has shown "utter indifference to the nation's welfare and security in his reckless pursuit of headline prominence."

McKay spoke earlier yesterday in La Grande. He was to appear in The Dalles and Hood River today.

Indians Indicted By Klamath Jury

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — The Klamath county grand jury returned joint second degree murder indictments here yesterday against Burdette Ochiho, 38, and Zelma Putts Ochiho, 34, residents of the Klamath Indian reservation.

The indictments arose from the rifle slaying of Edison Tupper Duffy, 50, here last January. Duffy's frozen body was discovered by two youths at the foot of a roadside incline while they were searching the area for empty bottles.

Judge Orders Icardi Freed of Perjury Charges in Slaying

Washington — (U.P.) — Federal Judge Richmond B. Keech today acquitted former Lt. Aldo L. Icardi of perjury charges growing out of the wartime slaying of Icardi's commanding officer.

Icardi was charged with lying before a House Armed Services Subcommittee which investigated the slaying of Maj. William V. Holohan during a daring behind the lines mission in Italy in World War II. But Keech threw out the case on grounds that the subcommittee "was not functioning as a competent tribunal" and had no power to require Icardi to tell the truth.

Entrapment Contended
Defense attorney Edward Bennett Williams had contended that Icardi had been summoned before the subcommittee in 1953 solely to entrap him into committing perjury.

Williams also had noted that a congressional committee to be valid must have a legislative purpose in mind when it conducts hearings.

The government had argued that the subcommittee was interested in finding out whether civil and military law adequately covered situations like the Holohan murder.

No Witnesses Quizzed
But Judge Keech said today he was impressed by the fact that no witnesses were questioned by the subcommittee on the Defense Department's conduct

of the case either before or after the discovery of the major's body in the icy waters of Lake Orta in 1950.

"The power to investigate must not be confused with any powers of law enforcement. These are assigned to the legislative and judicial branches of government," Keech said in ordering Icardi freed.

Holmes Calls for Aid To Education

Portland — (U.P.) — State Sen. Robert Holmes, Democratic candidate for governor, last night called for federal aid to education in a speech before the Portland division of the Oregon Education association.

Holmes added, however, that local educators must never give up the right to determine what children study or what they are taught.

Holmes also told the group that there is no necessity for the adoption of a sales tax in Oregon.

"The only single advantage anyone can possibly find for a sales tax—as regressive, unfair and costly to collect and administer as it is—is that it is more painless," he said.

He declared an income tax, with realistic withholding features, is just as painless and would do the job needed.

Hitchcock Sees Party Revitalized

Oakridge — (U.P.) — Phil Hitchcock said here today that if Republicans nominate him candidate for the United States Senate it would "revitalize the Republican party with the confidence and support of younger people."

He said "if I win the nomination, that's going to encourage younger people to seek political careers in the Republican party with the confidence that it can be done."

The former state senator campaigning against Douglas McKay and two other candidates for the nomination was scheduled to make one of the major addresses of his campaign in Portland tonight when he appears before the Multnomah County Schoolmasters Club.

Klamath Carpenters Ratify New Agreement

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Building contractors and carpenters have both ratified a new agreement handed down by George Walker, a representative of the federal mediation service.

The carpenters returned to their jobs Monday pending action on the agreement after idling construction projects in Klamath Falls and Tulelake, Calif., for two weeks.

The new contract ratified last night, provides for an hourly wage of \$3.00 and a premium rate of 10 cents additional when workers are called to work at a location more than 10 miles distant from their hiring location.

The new agreement will apply to Lakeview and northern California points as well as Klamath Falls.

The wage hike will be retroactive to April 1.

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Roxie Ann Grange met on April 6 with a good attendance and most officers present. Reports from various committee chairmen were heard. After the lecturer's program, part of which was a style show put on by several men of the Grange, refreshments were served by some of the young people. They were Coralee Dalton, Katherine Ritchey, Ed Claypool and Wally Johnson.

The last Home Economics Club meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Bruce Moffat the afternoon of April 18 with 18 members present. Mrs. Cecil Hall was cohostess.

Butte Falls Grange
The social night for the Butte Falls Grange will be pot-luck supper at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21. Ernest Smith will show some slides, and other entertainment will follow. All members are urged to attend, and everyone is welcome.

Those attending are asked to take their own service and a dish of some sort for the supper. This will be held in the high school auditorium.

Central Point Juvenile Grange
The Central Point Juvenile Grange recently went on a tour arranged by Leonard Kunzman, FFA instructor at Crater High. Twenty-three juveniles, accompanied by Mrs. Walter Sutherland, Mrs. Arnold Bohnert and Mrs. Morris Frink, with Kunzman as guide, visited the cheese factory at Central Point, the Homer Jeffries ranch to see his registered Suffolk sheep.

We also went to Gilman's Dairy and went through the plant and also saw the new dairy feed being produced there. It was very interesting to see the method used, this feed being newly sprouted grain. We also visited Bob Field to see his beef animals.

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