

Communists Trailing In Italian Elections



Democrats Building Election Issue Out Of Military Dispute

Washington — (U.P.) — Democrats today were building up an election issue out of the feud between the military services.

Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler sounded the theme of the attack Sunday during a nationally televised debate with Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall.

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The feud involves basic questions to what roles each of the services will play in future wars which will be fought with radically advanced weapons.

One phase of the row is the Army's contention that the Air Force is getting too much of the budget dollar and that too much reliance is being put on air power and nuclear bombs.

There are other disputes over whether the Army Nike or Air Force Talos missile is best for anti-aircraft defense, over whether the Army should have its own arm, over the value of the Navy's super-carriers and over the validity of the Navy's claim

that its carrier-borne planes can carry H-bombs to the heart of an enemy nation as well as Air Force planes can.

Hall said he agreed with Mr. Eisenhower that some "argument" among the military is healthy. He also recalled there was a Pentagon feud between the Navy and Air Force.

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Supreme Court Upholds Firing On Non-Unionists

Washington — (U.P.) — The Supreme Court today left standing a lower court decision that workers with religious scruples against joining a labor union may be fired under union shop contracts.

The case was appealed by two Los Angeles railroad workers who are members of the Plymouth Brethren religious sect. They claimed that their constitutional freedom of religion was violated by the union shop contracts permitted under the Railway Labor act. Under these contracts, a worker is required to become a union member in order to hold his job.

The two workers refused to join rail unions, citing rules of their sect based on the Biblical injunction, "be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers . . ."

When they were fired they sought court intervention. But lower federal courts upheld the firings, and the Supreme Court today dismissed their appeal.

Segregation Ruling
In other action today, the high court:

1. Left standing a Dec. 15 decision by a three-judge New Orleans federal court which in effect struck down new laws enacted by the Louisiana legislature in an effort to maintain school segregation.

The laws, passed in 1954, provide for separate white and Negro schools under the state's power to protect "public health and morals."

2. Ruled 5 to 4 that privately operated housing projects on military bases are subject to local taxation. Such projects have been built at 82 bases on federal land leased to the builders.

The court majority rejected the argument that the projects came under the general immunity of federal property from local taxes.

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Steelworkers Open Negotiations

Union Demanding 'Fair Share' of Record Profits
23 Proposals Listed For New Contract

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — The AFL-CIO United Steelworkers and the nation's biggest steel producers opened negotiations today on contract demands covering 650,000 workers in the basic steel industry.

The union's principal goals are a "substantial" wage increase, 52-weeks of supplemental unemployment pay, premium pay week end work, and an expanded health insurance program wholly financed by employers.

In its traditional role as lead-off man in the industry-wide talks, U.S. Steel Corp. was the first to sit down with USW President David J. McDonald and his top negotiators.

The union was to begin its contract presentation to Bethlehem and Republic Steel Corporations, the second and third ranking firms in the industry, this afternoon.

Four other leading firms will meet the USW in separate sessions Tuesday. They include Jones & Laughlin, Youngstown Sheet and Tube, Inland Steel and Great Lakes Steel.

The union placed no price on its contract "package" and unofficial estimates of the probable cost of its four key demands range for 30 to more than 60 cents an hour per man.

McDonald said he considered the USW goals "reasonable" — especially in view of the prosperous state of the industry — and hoped for an early settlement ahead of the July 1 strike deadline.

A Possible Strike
But USW insistence on extra pay for work performed on Saturday and Sunday shifts was the issue considered most likely to carry the bargaining right down to the wire, and a possible strike.

Industry spokesmen say the cost of paying the time-and-one-half or double time for Saturday and Sunday shifts would be "exorbitant" but the union says the price would be negligible with more efficient management.

Union sources feel that some sort of unemployment pay benefits is a certainty although it may not be the full 52-week plan the USW negotiated last August with major companies who contribute 5 cents an hour to its costs.

The only other major union with an industry wide "guaranteed annual wage" is the United Auto Workers which won a 26-week coverage plan in 1955.

Appointment of McKay Successor Meets Election-Year Problems

By A. ROBERT SMITH
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Washington — The White House has run into a network of election-year problems in selecting a new Secretary of Interior to succeed Douglas McKay, who announced his resignation nearly three months ago.

To date, after a series of high level conferences on filling this cabinet vacancy, the situation appears to be as fluid and muddled as it could possibly be.

It has been two weeks since President Eisenhower said he hoped to announce his choice "in a matter of days" — and the appointment seems as far away as ever.

From all reports, Undersecretary Clarence A. Davis has been all but written off as a possibility, despite the fact that he was way out in front for the nomination in the minds of most observers for weeks after McKay departed.

Informed sources, however, say that Attorney General Herbert Brownell has counseled against the appointment of Davis, who is identified with most of the decisions and policies of the Interior department which are the target of Democrats in their charge of a "give-away" of natural resources.

Based on Policy Difference
But Brownell's stated objection to Davis is based on a policy difference they have had for many months over the issue of federal vs. state authority over western water rights.

Davis is strong for upholding state claims to supremacy in water rights disputes such as the celebrated Oregon Pelton dam case which went to the Supreme court, but Brownell has put the Justice department on the side of preserving what federal authority the courts say the government has.

As an alternative to Davis, Eisenhower has interviewed Val Peterson, former Nebraska governor and now head of Civil Defense administration. But California Republicans think they have sabotaged any chance of Peterson getting it.

California Gov. Goodwin Knight and Los Angeles Mayor

that seat for the GOP. Sen. Eugene D. Millikin, (R-Col.), is so crippled with arthritis that he comes to work in a wheelchair and quite possibly will not be able to seek reelection.

The Democrat who is out to capture that Senate post is Charles Brannan, secretary of Agriculture under President Truman. Republicans consider him almost as much a thorn in their side on farm policy as Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), has been on natural resources and other issues — and they want to be sure to defeat Brannan just as badly as they thirst to retire Morse.

So Thornton can scarcely be spared, even for a cabinet post, just in the event he is needed to handle this more important political assignment.

California Would Object
Any candidate from the Southwest would be objectionable to California, just as most Californians would be opposed by Southwest Republicans because of the long battle between these two areas for Colorado River water.

A new secretary from either area would give one side of an advantage the other could not afford to permit without a fight.

The only other name being mentioned in recent weeks is that of Ervin L. Peterson, assistant secretary of Agriculture and former Oregon state director of Agriculture. But no one from the White House has mentioned it to him, he says. Neither is there any opposition to him.

Some observers think the new secretary may be from the Pacific Northwest to give McKay and Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington a boost in their campaigns for the Senate against Morse and Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.).

But as yet the right man has not come along to claim this important post.

Bulletin

Washington — (UP) — President Eisenhower today nominated Fred A. Seaton, his deputy assistant, as the new secretary of interior.

C. C. Chapman, Founder Of Oregon Voter, Ill
Portland — (U.P.) — C. C. Chapman, 80, founder and retired editor of the Oregon Voter, suffered a stroke at his home here today. He was taken to Good Samaritan hospital in critical condition.

Chapman, long active in public affairs, turned over active management of the Oregon Voter to Walter W. R. May two years ago.

Seoul — (U.P.) — Three hundred shots of gamma globulin have been brought to Korea from Japan to stave off a possible measles epidemic among 160 war orphans.

Pro-Westerners Take Heart From Early Balloting

Said Too Early For Western Cheering
Rome — (U.P.) — Italy's Communist Party, the biggest in the free world, suffered losses today in the first returns from Italy's nation-wide local elections.

Premier Antonio Segni's Christian Democratic Party, the pro-Western group that has governed Italy through the postwar struggle against Fascism and Communism, took heart from the early but inconclusive returns.

A big turnout among the 30,000,000 eligible men and women voting in the West's first big test of the Kremlin's "smile offensive," encouraged democratic parties which had feared democratic apathy would give the local posts to the Communists.

Stalin Flip-Flop
But apparently the Communist Party was undermined by Moscow's flip-flop on Josef Stalin, for early returns showed democratic gains.

It was too early for any cheering by the West. Voting continued today and there were no results from the major cities' tight races.

City administrations were at stake in such major cities as Rome, Turin, Genoa, Milan, Venice, Trieste, Bologna, Florence, Leghorn, Naples and Bari. A total of 7,141 communities or districts in 79 provinces was involved.

Trend in Palermo
The trend toward leftist losses also showed up in the first returns from Palermo, capital city of the island of Sicily.

Returns from 53 of the city's 465 districts showed gains for the Christian Democrats and losses for both the Communists and their left wing Socialist allies.

Several Hundred Witness Fire-Ama

Several hundred southern Oregon residents ignored unfavorable weather and witnessed a drop and fire-fighting demonstration of the forest industry Fire-Ama held Saturday afternoon at Elk Lumber company, north of Medford.

More than 100 units of fire fighting apparatus were lined up for public inspection during the afternoon showing. Elements of all public and private agencies responsible for fire control and suppression in forest areas were represented in the display.

In addition, most of the equipment dealers in southern Oregon who supply fire fighting equipment were on hand to show the latest developments in modern fire fighting tools.

A U.S. Forest service plane made a total of four drops of supplies and equipment, simulating actual conditions of replenishing water and food supplies of fire crews located in remote areas.

In spite of threatening weather, the first fighting demonstration was carried out as scheduled with the U.S. Forest service crew giving a demonstration of methods used in fire control, suppression and mop-up.

Spokesman of the sponsoring state, federal and industrial groups expressed gratitude to supporters of the Fire-Ama. They said the show will be staged again next year.

Washington — (U.P.) — Clarence N. Sayen, the President of the Air Line Pilots association, has charged that the Commerce Department has neglected the problems of the growing air industry.

New Bonners Ferry Threat; Columbia, Willamette Rise

Bonners Ferry, Ida. — (U.P.) — The Kootenai river continued to drop slowly today from dikes surrounding the flood-embattled town of Bonners Ferry but Army engineers warned that warmer temperatures causing faster runoff of mountain snows posed a new threat to the northern Idaho community.

Meanwhile, the Snake, Salmon, Clearwater and Big Wood rivers poured over their banks during the week end and washed out roads and bridges, forcing four families to evacuate their homes.

The level of the Kootenai river receded to 35.9 feet today, a drop of 2.5 inches since last night, at Bonners Ferry.

However, Gilbert Bean, technician liaison officer for the Army engineers, reported that the rampaging river was causing worse damage further north near the Canadian border and had overtopped dikes in the Nyström and Port Hill areas.

Swiss Mountaineers Ascend Mt. Everest Twice in Week; First Double Conquest

Khatmandu, Nepal — (U.P.) — A band of Swiss mountaineers climbed to the top of Mount Everest twice last week for the first double conquest of the world's highest mountain, a message to the Swiss legation here reported.

Second Ascent Thursday
One pair hauled themselves atop the 29,028-foot peak Wednesday and a second made it Thursday despite the early onset of the monsoon rainy season.

The historic double conquest was announced by the Swiss legation here just one day short of three years after Sir Edmund

Expedition leader Schmidt and Z. Marmet clambered to the top of Everest on May 23. Reist, quickly recovered from the Lhotse climb, and H. Rudej followed in their tracks to the top the next day.

No Information on Findings
The first message from the climbers gave no information on what they found. Hillary and Tensing planted the British flag atop Everest after their 1953 coronation year climb.

But the Swiss mountaineers are "proud and happy," the message said. This apparently meant they had made it up and back without casualties.

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Late News Briefs

FAST DEFENSE SEEN
Paris — (U.P.) — The 15 North Atlantic Treaty countries would defend themselves "fast" against a Russian surprise attack without waiting for the unanimous permission of their governments, NATO Secretary-General Lord Ismay said today.

NEW BORDER INCIDENT
United Nations, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Maj. Gen. E. L. Burns, United Nations truce chief in Palestine, flew to New York today and was greeted with reports of a new border incident between Egypt and Israel.

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Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Tuesday with rising temperatures. Low tonight 43. High Tuesday 57. Temp. Highest yesterday 63. Lowest this morning 36.

Our Skies Tonight
The sun rises 4:39 a.m. and sets 7:39 p.m. The moon rises 10:47 p.m. and is in Apogee. Last quarter June 1.

VISIBLE PLANETS
Saturn, in southeast 4:32 p.m. Venus, sets 9:41 p.m. Jupiter, in the west 10:25 p.m. Mars, rises 1:05 a.m.