

Pacific Northwest Loses Balance Of Power in Interior Department

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Washington — The Pacific Northwest now has no one in a position of high authority in the Department of the Interior, the federal department which is most vital to the region.



Since the departure of Douglas McKay as secretary, the balance of power in the highest posts of the department has shifted to the Midwest. The state of Nebraska now can lay claim to the two top positions at Interior.

Both Fred A. Seaton, the newly appointed secretary, and Clarence A. Davis, the undersecretary, are from the Cornhusker state. Davis is expected to stay on under Seaton for some months, possibly until after the November elections, so no change is anticipated there soon.

Below these two positions in order of rank are three assistant secretaries who look after different agencies under the sprawling Interior Department. These are:

1. Assistant Secretary for Land Management, held by Wesley D'Ewart of Montana.
2. Assistant Secretary for Water and Power, held by Fred Andahl of North Dakota.
3. Assistant Secretary for mineral resources, held by Felix E. Wormser of New York.

Idaho Closest

The closest the Pacific Northwest now comes to a high post is Director of the Bureau of Land Management, who is Edward Woolley of Idaho.

When McKay was secretary, he did not fill the various high posts at Interior from his own section of the country, but gave the various other sections good representation. During his tenure virtually every section of the West could boast of one of its men in McKay's official family.

California had Ralph A. Tudor, McKay's first undersecretary until he resigned to return to his San Francisco engineering firm. The Southwest had Orme Lewis, who was assistant secretary for land management until he quit to go back to his law practice in Phoenix.

The only other top job held by a Pacific Northwest man was that of assistant to the secretary, who was Raymond Davis of Seattle, a retired insurance company

executive. Davis this past week left Interior for a position in another government agency, International Cooperation Administration.

Rocky Mountain Claims

The Southwest still has one man in a top job. He is the commissioner of Indian Affairs, Glenn L. Emmons, of Arizona. The Rocky Mountain states can claim the commissioner of reclamation, Wilbur A. Drexler, of Colorado. And no position could be more important to that area than chief of reclamation, now that Congress has authorized construction of the Upper Colorado reclamation project.

McLEOD Couple Leaves for Hawaii

By CAROLINE L. HARDING

McLeod — T. Sgt. and Mrs. M. J. Pierce and their three children were to sail June 1 for the Hawaiian Islands, where Sergeant Pierce will be stationed for the next three years at Kaneohe bay on Oahu. Mrs. Pierce is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Price and son of Ukiah, Calif., have been the house guests of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Tackstein on Butte Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding spent the week end of May 25 visiting relatives in Roseburg. Mrs. Robert Darrohn and daughters, Nancy and Doris, are visiting relatives in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Larson became the parents of a boy at Community hospital in Medford on Sunday, May 27. This is the Larson's first child. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Steve Larson of Prospect and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Chandler of Trail.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Grieve and Mrs. Wyles Berry have gone to Portland to attend grand session of the Eastern Star.

Miss Susan Galvin of Los Angeles will spend the summer visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Wyles Berry of "Rogue Woods" motel.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Craven and Mrs. Lewis Dussenberry and twin sons, Lan and Jan, motored to Diamond Lake Memorial day and went boat riding.

Attending state Grange session in Fendleton are Mr. and Mrs. Herb Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding, Mr. and Mrs.

Although Tudor is gone, California has John L. Farley, head of the Fish and Wildlife Service. Wyoming is represented by the department chief legal officer, J. Reuel Armstrong, Interior's solicitor.

When Seaton was nominated last week by President Eisenhower to succeed McKay, he declined to say whether he would make any change in the top posts of the Interior Department.

Unless he does, the Pacific Northwest will remain the only major section of the West without one of its own in a position of high authority at Interior.

Farm Issue Tops Election in Iowa

Des Moines, Ia. — (U.P.) — Administration farm policies were the top issue in drought-threatened Iowa's primary election today. But a light vote was expected.

The controversy over high versus flexible price supports boiled over into the feature primary battle between Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper and youthful Attorney General Dayton (Cracker Dry) Countryman. Both seek the Republican senatorial nomination. Hickenlooper is one of the leaders in the administration's development of a flexible price support program. Countryman wants high, rigid supports.

The Hickenlooper - Countryman fight dominated the primary in this staunchly Republican, farm-rich state.

There is no presidential preference primary in Iowa. On the Democratic side, R. M. (Spike) Evans, one-time head of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, dueling with comparative newcomer Lumund F. Wilcox for the senatorial nomination. Both demanded high, rigid farm supports.

Only 390,000 of the state's estimated 1,700,000 voters are expected to cast ballots. Political experts expected 300,000 of the voters would be Republicans, but Democratic leaders predicted their vote total would get close to 125,000.

During the recent electric storm the Hardings transformer was hit and it put things in a bad way along Butte Creek, but was soon fixed.

Mrs. Madeline Halley and daughter, Kathy, have gone to Sierra Madre, Calif., to be with Mrs. Halley's mother, Mrs. Ruth Paul, during her illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wild and family spent Memorial day at Diamond Lake.

First Rose Festival Program Rained Out

Portland — (U.P.) — First event on Portland's colorful Rose festival of pageantry was rained out yesterday but officials had encouraging reports from flood officials that more than offset their disappointment.

The initial event in the week-long schedule, visit of the Junior court to the Shriners hospital for Crippled children, was cancelled yesterday when rain dominated the day.

But Mayor Fred L. Peterson announced that flood planners had found that no emergency exists at present or under the forecasted crest of the Columbia river and that the floodwaters should have little effect on the Rose Festival.

Portland — (U.P.) — Earle Anderson, Swedish vice consul here and agent for General Steamship corporation, died in a local hospital yesterday after an illness of six months.

Search Continues For Two Fishermen

Bend — (U.P.) — Search continued today for two fishermen, missing for 10 days in the Crane Prairie area, 50 miles southwest of here.

State police reported yesterday that no trace of C. A. Happold, Oregon City and Ernie Harris, both of Sandy, missing since May 25, has been turned up.

Portion of Brinks Loot Recovered

Baltimore — (U.P.) — Police today reported recovery of \$4635 which they believe to be part of the \$1,218,211 loot in the great Brink's robbery of 1950.

Police found the money in the hotel room of a man who had been arrested earlier for passing a suspicious \$10 bill at an amusement place here.

Police identified him as Jordan Perry, 31, alias Anthony E. Hass of Boston.

Police said they had received a tip that Perry changed a \$10 bill that looked peculiar. The proprietor of the shooting gallery told police the bill appeared to have been washed.

They said when he was arrested he tried to get rid of several hundred dollars in bills by throwing them in the gutter.

Police retrieved the bills and said that numbers on the bills in his possession and found in the hotel room coincided with those stolen in the Brink's robbery.

Police and the FBI said all Perry would say was that he found the money.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

Cigarette Sales Near Normal Level

Washington — (U.P.) — Cigarette sales are nearing their normal level again ending a three year slump. Cigar and pipe smoking is in a steady decline. But snuff manages to hold its own.

These conclusions were reached by the Internal Revenue Service in a report on tobacco taxes.

The tax agency said cigarette smoking has recovered from a 1952-53 slump when the public, apparently bothered by reports on lung cancer, began reducing

its consumption. Americans spent about \$6,000,000 each working day last year just to pay for the tax stamps on tobacco packages. Cigarettes accounted for 96 per cent of the \$1,500,000,000 in tobacco tax collections.

Filter-tipped cigarettes doubled in popularity last year, accounting for 21 per cent of the industry's production.

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WORKMAN KILLED
Longview, Wash. — (U.P.) — Richard Matlock, 41-year-old bulldozer operator working on the natural gas pipeline construction near Kalama, Wash., was killed Saturday when his heavy machine tipped over on him.

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