

# Pennsylvania Solon Said 'Man To Watch'

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Washington — On snap judgment, the Democrats have come up with one new, bright and shining face in the new 85th Congress. If the Republicans have a real political comer among the new members of Congress he has not yet emerged from the obscurity of the crowd. The new, bright and shining Democratic face belongs to Sen. Joseph Sill Clark Jr. of Pennsylvania.

Politicians often seek new faces with which to bait the voters much as fancy dress makers seek new looks in clothes to bait style-conscious women. New faces to party politicians are political newcomers who qualify in general for promotion to higher office—promotion to the White House, for example, Politically Ambitious.

This is not to say the Democrats will go so far as to nominate a freshman senator for president in 1960. But, they might. Clark has a lot of what it will take to get that nomination, and his record discloses him to be a politically ambitious man. Among his qualifications are these:

He will be about the right age in 1960, during which he will celebrate his 59th birthday. Americans for Democratic Action, a left-wing splinter group with great power within the Democratic Party, claims Clark as one of its own. And the predictable trend of Democratic

# Marine Divisions to Be Streamlined Soon

Party policy is to the left. The senator already is in step. Political Giant Killer

Clark is a political Jack, the Giant Killer. His giant was the Republican organization in Philadelphia where, in 1951, he was elected the first Democratic mayor in 68 years.

The new senator comes from a big state matched only by California and exceeded only by New York in electoral votes.

Clark fits the pattern of Miss Democracy's more recent sweetheart, excluding, of course, Harry S. Truman. The senator is a Harvard graduate—magna cum laude. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. On that and other counts, Clark could qualify as an egghead. He is well off financially, and he's a lawyer.

Whips Incumbent Luff

Clark resigned as mayor of Philadelphia to run for the Senate against Republican incumbent James H. Duff and licked that once powerful Republican by 17,000 votes. That however, is the stoutest of Clark's claims for future consideration by the Democratic Party.

While Clark was licking Duff by a few thousand votes, President Eisenhower was carrying Pennsylvania last November by a landslide margin of 600,000, and state Republicans were winning both houses of the Legislature.

Pennsylvania began to slip its Republican moorings under pressure of Franklin D. Roosevelt New Deal. Clark however, is the first Democrat sent up by Pennsylvania Democrats with any real chance of continuing to climb.

The senator is a man to watch as the story of the 85th Congress unfolds.

# Navy Vessels Free From Antarctic Ice

McMurdo Sound, Antarctica—(AP)—Two U. S. Navy vessels trapped in Antarctic pack ice since New Year's Eve had freed themselves and are safe in the shelter of Cape Hallett, radio reports from the scene said today.

They were the U.S.S. supply ship Arneb which was crushed between massive ice floes and seriously damaged and the icebreaker escort Northwin which went to the assistance of the Arneb and was caught by the ice itself.

The radio dispatches said the ships won their battle with the pack ice on Wednesday and broke loose after being trapped for three days. Both were reported moored today to the bay in the shelter of Cape Hallett, five miles from the scene of their mishaps.

The 12,800-ton Arneb, built originally as an attack cargo ship and refitted in 1949 for Antarctic operations, normally carries a crew of 247.

A radio message from the Arneb said repairs were being made but that "the entire length of the ship on both sides consists of buckled and stretched plates with numerous missing rivets." It said damage included the loss of one blade from a propeller and that part of another was missing.

The Arneb's main task in supplying the international geophysical year base site at Cape Hallett was being carried out while the crew worked to repair the damage. Cargo was being unloaded to allow access to the damaged hull.

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The Marine Corps said that plans call for one Marine division to begin reorganizing in the near future. Other Marine units will be reorganized on a phased schedule "to provide minimum interference with combat readiness and to utilize new equipment as it is developed and delivered," it said.

A spokesman said the First Marine Division stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., will be reorganized first.

In addition, he said, the 3rd Marine Air Wing, stationed at El Toro, Calif., will be reorganized in the near future.

The Marine divisions presently have one atomic weapon—the Honest John rocket. But Marine officials hinted that other atomic support weapons have been or will shortly be assigned to Marine divisions. In addition the Marine divisions have a closely aligned atomic support unit in the Marine air wings, which specialize in close support of Marine ground troops.

The reorganization means that some heavy artillery units probably will be replaced with missiles and rockets with an atomic capability. Some of the heavy tank units probably will be supplanted by lighter fire support vehicles, such as the ones armed with a battery of recoilless rifles.

# Michael O'Shea, Neighbor Feud Results in Shooting

Hollywood — (AP) — Actor Michael O'Shea has admitted he has a hot Irish temper and is a crack shot in pleading guilty to firing a rifle at a neighbor's tractor following a long feud with the neighbor.

O'Shea, 45-year-old husband of actress Virginia Mayo, Thursday admitted discharging firearms within the city limits. But although admitting the misdemeanor charge he denied any intent to injure the neighbor's son and a friend who were riding the tractor.

The actor said he merely shot up two tires on the tractor. He testified, "I can shoot straight—two shots, two tires."

The incident occurred Nov. 7 on O'Shea's San Fernando Valley ranch. He said that he and his neighbor, Harold Morrison, have been feuding since he purchased the ranch in 1943.

O'Shea told a municipal court judge that the Morrison boys, 13 and 15, had been driving the tractor in "hotrod" fashion on his property and endangering his daughter, Mary Catherine, 3. He said he was sick and tired of the hotrodding episodes and shot the tractor tires after Morrison failed to make his boys stop driving the tractor on O'Shea's property.

Miss Mayo said the boys used "wild language" in her presence and that of guests and friends. O'Shea charged the boys with shooting at his horses and dogs with air rifles while he was away on a business trip.

The actor asked the court for probation and was ordered to return Jan. 21 for a hearing on his leniency plea. O'Shea could draw a six months jail term if leniency or probation is denied.

UP A TREE

Boscobel, Wis. — (AP) — Bearly Eyer's curiosity got the better of him when his dog kept barking after tracing a "cat." Eyer shot the tree animal and asked the Wisconsin Conservation Department to identify it. It was a bobcat, a rarity in the southwestern portion of the state.

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# Appeal Cancelled on Request of Del Sesto

Providence, R. I. — (AP) — The final hurdle in the successful reelection of Democrat Dennis J. Roberts as governor of Rhode Island was cleared late Thursday night.

A proposed appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court of the Rhode Island Supreme Court decision naming Gov. Roberts to a fourth term was cancelled at the request Thursday of defeated Republican candidate Christopher Del Sesto.

The chairman of the Middletown Republican Town committee, Stephen Barker, said "We will abide by the request of Christopher Del Sesto and take no further action in carrying the matter to the federal court."

The committee had planned to finance an appeal by absentee voter William W. Gosling 40 the U. S. Supreme Court. Gosling withdrew as the individual to make the appeal because of a heart condition.

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# GRANGE

Live Oak Grange Committee reports highlighted the last Live Oak Grange meeting of the year held Dec. 27, with the newly elected master, Charles White, in the chair. Ruby Frantz reported that the poultry situation remained unchanged, though prices were weakening on large eggs. Hen prices were low. There were indications that the price of hogs was strengthening.

# Values of Building Permits Up in '56

Total valuation of building permits issued in 1956 increased about a \$1,000,000 over the 1955 total, according to H. E. Mackie, city building inspector. Valuation of permits issued during the year totaled \$3,815,728.83, compared with a \$2,751,438.48 total for 1955.

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Among structures for which permits were issued during the year were the Girls Community club, \$153,837; the Travelodge Motel, \$109,000; and the National Guard armory, \$359,537.

# 22 new business establishments.

\$764,349; 63 businesses remodeled, \$163,539; two public buildings remodeled, \$78,469; and seven swimming pools, \$27,800. Building permits issued this December totaled \$349,575, compared to \$279,002 for December last year, Mackie said.

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