

Seaton's Interior Department Stacked with Young Appointees

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Washington (Special) — A youth movement gradually brought into the Interior Department over the last two years by Secretary Fred A. Seaton is now firmly in command of virtually all of its most powerful posts. The emphasis on youth has become so pronounced that the recent selection of Elmer Bennett, 41, as undersecretary reportedly led to some kidding by the White

House that Seaton was "robbing the cradle." After all, it is not customary for this sub-cabinet post to go to such a young man, on whose shoulders much of the day-to-day responsibility rests for running the show especially when the Interior secretary is out of town.

Asked about his reliance upon youthful aides, Seaton declared: "When a fellow gets as old as I am, he needs young fellows around to do the work." Seaton is all of 48. Maybe he feels his "age" because he is no longer the youngest member of President Eisenhower's cabinet. Attorney General William Rogers, 45, is the youngest, and Treasury Secretary Robert B. Anderson, 48, is a few months younger than Seaton. Another cabinet newcomer, Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy is 52. Other cabinet officials are in their late 50s or 60s, and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles is 70.

Seaton said he also believes in promotion of able young men. Bennett's rise in the department demonstrates that point. He was a legislative counsel at Interior during the McKay realm, was made an assistant to Seaton in 1956, and promoted to undersecretary this year.

A native of Colorado, Bennett served on the staff of the late Sen. Eugene Millikin (R-Colo.) before going to Interior. Previously he was a trial attorney for the anti-monopoly section of the Federal Trade Commission. He has been a workhorse for Seaton in many fields, including minerals and power and reclamation.

Moving into Bennett's spot as chief legal officer at Interior will be a still younger man, George W. Abbott, 35, of Grand Island, Neb. He has been one of Seaton's special assistants for the past year.

Respect of Both Parties
Abbott also came to Interior from Capitol Hill, where he served as counsel to the House Interior Committee for four years under both Republican and Democratic control, an indicator of the respect he gained among members of both parties. Abbott has a deep grasp of Indian problems, especially the Klamath situation, public land questions and reclamation. He was instrumental in developing legislation designed to limit the Defense Department from gobbling up vast western land reservations without getting congressional consent.

Seaton's legislative counsel, the man chiefly responsible for dealing with Congress over legislation, is still younger, Theodore F. Stevens, 34, of Fairbanks, Alaska. Formerly U. S. Attorney at Fairbanks, Stevens carried the major load on Seaton's staff this past year in connection with the successful crusade for Alaskan statehood. He's set to go next year to try to get Hawaii in.

The other top assistants to Seaton are a little older, Lorne Kennedy, 51, ex-Washington correspondent for the

Omaha World-Herald and assistant to numerous past senators from Nebraska, including Seaton; and G. Hershel Schooley, 56, of Missouri, where he once ran for Congress, who is one of the most highly regarded government information officers in Washington based on 12 years experience in that field at the Navy and Defense departments.

Problems Resolved
These men make up the main elements of Seaton's secretariat. Instead of delegating the heavy decisions down to the chiefs of Interior's agencies, such as the Reclamation Bureau or Bureau of Indian Affairs, Seaton places this load upon himself and this tightly knit staff of trusted assistants. It is in their staff conferences that the toughest, most delicate or politically explosive problems are resolved.

Beneath this secretariat, Seaton has made relatively few alterations in the chief positions. When Congress did not confirm the nomination of ex-Rep. Wesley D'Ewart of Montana as assistant secretary for public lands, Seaton replaced the 66-year-old D'Ewart with Roger Earnest, 44, of Phoenix. And when Felix Wormser stepped out as assistant secretary of Interior, for minerals, Seaton replaced him with Royce A. Hardy Jr., 37, of Henderson, Nev.

Young Bennett moved into the undersecretaryship left vacant by the departure of Hatfield Chilson, 54, who accepted an offer to join a prominent Denver law firm. Chilson was the first of Seaton's men to leave. He had succeeded Clarence A. Davis, 61, another Nebraskan who served under McKay and unsuccessfully sought the top job before it finally went to Seaton.

Th only top holdover from the McKay regime is Fred G. Aandahl, assistant secretary for water and power, who is 61 and comes from South Dakota where he served as governor.

McKay Man Eased Out
The only elder exception to the emphasis on youth in Seaton's new official family is Ross L. Leffer, 72, of Pittsburgh, who is in the recently created post of assistant secretary of fisheries. During the reorganization of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Seaton in effect eased out John Farley, a controversial McKay appointee from California, and promoted Arnie Suomela of Oregon from assistant director to the new post of commissioner of fish and wildlife.

Other McKay appointees remain in office: Dr. William A. Pearl, head of Bonneville Power Administration; Glenn L. Emmons, commissioner of Indian Affairs; Edward Woolley of Idaho, director of Bureau of Land Management; Wilbur A. Dexheimer, commissioner of Reclamation, although here Seaton relies heavily upon associate commissioner, Floyd Dominy of Wyoming. And Conrad L. Wirth, long time director of the National Park Service under both parties remains in that post.

Generally, this is expected to be the lineup at Interior for the balance of the period until a new administration takes office early in 1961, under the successor to President Eisenhower.



ULTIMATE ARGUMENT — State officers survey damage to the high school in Clinton, Tenn., wrecked by three massive dynamite blasts set off inside the building. Clinton High School was racially integrated one year ago, and it is believed the explosions were the work of persons opposed to integration. No one was in the building when the blasts went off.

HILTS Many Visitors Listed

By MRS. M. F. CAVIN
Hilts — Mr. and Mrs. Andy Vieira of McCloud visited friends and relatives her Sunday.

Mrs. John Nunes and Miss Barbara Nunes of Yreka called on friends her Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stickney and daughters of Millbrae are visiting at the home of Stickneys' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Van de Weghe, and family. They also visited in Hornbrook at the home of Mrs. Stickneys' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Burns.

Mrs. Mark Bonner and son of Red Bluff returned home Sunday after spending several days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Freemyer.

Oren Ellis and Mrs. Mildred Luper of Sacramento arrived Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Luper and family. They had been visiting with friends and relatives in southern Oregon prior to coming here. Oren Ellis left later to spend a few days at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ellis in Yreka. Both he and Mrs. Luper are leaving this week end for their home in Sacramento.

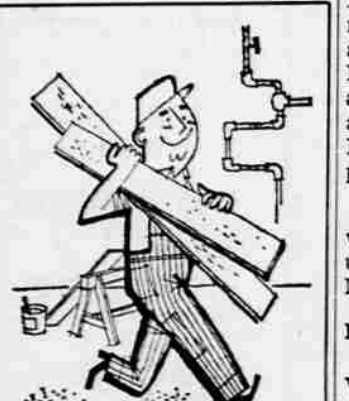
Mrs. Ethel Sief made a business trip to Yreka Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson and son, Billy Ray, made a recent trip to Crater lake.

Mrs. M. G. King entered the Ashland General hospital Thursday afternoon to undergo a major surgery Friday morning. A friend, Mrs. Fred Haynes, remained with Mrs. King until her husband was able to be with her.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Cavin and daughter, Janet, visited Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Elsie Bloomingcamp on Bogus creek. Guests at the Bloomingcamp ranch were Miss Dollie Bloomingcamp of Los Angeles and George Bloomingcamp of Oakdale, both of whom are leaving for their homes soon. Miss Dollie Bloomingcamp is 86, and each year makes the trip via bus to spend the summer at the ranch.

Miss Janet Ferguson who was injured while riding a horse last Saturday returned to her home Friday.



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Mrs. William Wiley who recently under went major surgery at the University of California hospital in Berkeley, returned to her home Saturday evening. Friends report that Mrs. Wiley has a housekeeper nurse with her as she will be unable to do for herself for approximately six weeks. Her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russell, and daughter of Sacramento, were recent guests at the Wiley home.

Mrs. Fred Haynes went via bus to Redding on Saturday and was an overnight guest at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Haynes and three children.

On Sunday they drove to Oroville where they met Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Evans and Mrs. Gwen Evans of Ogden, Utah. That evening they made a trip to Shasta dam. On Monday, Mrs. Freddie Haynes Jr., and son Mike, drove Mrs. Haynes Sr., Mrs. Gwen Evans, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Evans to Hilts, returning that same afternoon, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Evans who left that evening for their homes in Ogden, Utah. Mrs. Gwen Evans will remain here at the Fred Haynes home for an indefinite stay.

On Thursday, Oct. 2, the Bridge club met at the home of Mrs. Fred Haynes and honored the 83rd birthday of Mrs. Evans with a card and handkerchief show. Birthday cake and coffee were served to Mrs. Frank Graves, Mrs. Earnest Spannaus, and Mrs. Frank Ohlund of Hornbrook. Guests were Mrs. Mildred Luper and Mrs. Gilbert Luper.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilcox of Ashland visited at the Don Wilcox home Saturday evening. Mrs. Wilcox has been in Eagle Grove, Iowa, during the summer and returned to her home last Thursday.

Louis Alphonse has started construction on his home, located on highway 99 several miles south of town at the old Sulpher Springs Service station. Alphonse is the foreman of the electrical and plumbing crews and plans to do much of the wiring himself.

Bobby Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferguson celebrated his first birthday at the home of Mrs. Ferguson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gibson, on Dead Indian rd., Sept. 21. Enjoying dinner and birthday cake were Miss Patsy Gibson, Jimmie Gibson, and Miss Mary Gail Gibson, and Charles Cook of Ashland, Bobbie's parents, and grandparents.

Marilyn Thompson was a week end guest of Cheryl Potucek, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Potucek in Medford.

DONATES VITAMIN PILLS
Bogaluba, La. — (UPI) — Coach Virgil Underwood and drug-gist Fizz Seal think they may have the answer for the local high school football team's poor showing this fall — lack of pep. So, Seal donated 5,000 vitamin pills free and Underwood began passing them out to the athletes Monday. The team has scored only two touchdowns in four games but has yielded 107 points.

OIL EXECUTIVE DIES
Cranford, N. J. — (UPI) — Walter W. Scheumann, 57, an oil company executive, died Sunday of a heart attack at his home. Scheumann was vice president and general manager of the Cities Service Research and Development Co., a subsidiary of the Cities Service Co.

American Motors Target of Union

Detroit — (UPI) — The United Auto Workers Union turned its attention on American Motors Corp. today, serving the corporation with a 10-day contract termination notice.

The UAW said 13,000 American Motors workers could strike any time after 10 a.m. Oct. 17.

AMC Vice President Edward L. Cushman received the notice as UAW-AMC negotiations resumed late Tuesday.

Both sides said today they could reach settlement before the strike deadline.

The contract termination notice for American Motors came after the UAW climaxed more than six months of bargaining for new contracts with the auto industry's Big Three. The union reached a three-year contract with Ford Motor company Sept. 17, and with Chrysler Corp. two weeks later.

Union negotiators were expected to make similar contract demands of American that they did with the Big Three, but in view of the size and competitive position of AMC, they were expected to make some allowances.

De Gaulle Election Plans Acclaimed

Paris — (UPI) — Premier Charles de Gaulle's plans for "new style" parliamentary elections next month were acclaimed today by every major political party except the Communists.

The government decided Tuesday night to hold elections for the Fifth Republic's first Parliament Nov. 23 and 30.

At the same time, it announced drastic changes in electoral laws which are certain to cut heavily into Communist parliamentary strength.

The cabinet set Dec. 14 as the date when an electoral college of 70,000 legislators and local officials will vote by mail to choose a new president for De Gaulle, virtually certain to be France.

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Court Records

MUNICIPAL COURT
Harvey Duncan Stewart, transient, drunk in public, \$25 (suspended).
Arthur John Schatz, Camp White, drunk in public, \$15.
Harold Evans, general delivery, Talent, drunk in public, \$10.
Lee Hendricks, Camp White, drunk in public, \$15.
Lee Roy Hopkins, no operator's license in possession, \$25.
Melvin Owen Danaby, no operator's license in possession, \$10.
Jerry Craig Winetrot, no operator's license in possession, \$5.
Jerry Craig Winetrot, improper lane usage, \$5.
Donald Raymond Baker, improper left turn, \$5.
William Todd Dawkins, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Arthur David Walser, disobeyed red light, \$5.
Robert E. Nicholas, no operator's license in possession, \$10.
Charles Bert McQuigg, disobeyed red light, \$5.
Merle Franklin Hinds, excessive tire noise, \$10.
Jim Ray Smith, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Joan Marie Meyer, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Richard Charles Allen, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Jack Neil Boeticher, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Eugene Reed, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Gertrude Ambrose Wooten, disobeyed red light, \$5.
Carlynn Colleen Jasmann, failed to yield right of way, \$10.
John Cecil Danials, disobeyed red light, \$5.
Leonard Charles Buchwald, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.
Robert Charles Cooper, disobeyed red light, \$5.
Herman Jackson Bryant, no tail lights or license plate light, \$2.50.
Edgar Alvin Dahack, violation of basic rule, \$15.
Beverly Elaine Beadwell, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Lawrence Johnathan Hall, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Vera Lucille Selby, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.
William Elmer Han, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Lewis Leslie Peabody, improper left turn, \$5.
John Garr, passing school bus while loading, \$15.
Roy Lee Heckathorn, disobeyed red light, \$5.
Everett Ray Stokes, excessive tire noise, \$10.
Rodney Donald Suttle, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Pleasant Norman Aldredge, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Zelda Hamilton Van Valzah, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.
Benjamin Drannon Craig, violation of basic rule, \$10.
William Marion Barlow, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Jerral Norman Kirklin, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Cecil Fay Cochran, no muffler, \$5.
James Earl Chisum, disobeyed red light, \$5.

DISTRICT COURT
Lowell L. Brooks, passing with insufficient clearance, \$10.
Gene B. Snook, failure to stop, \$10.
Ralph L. Kolkow, possession of untagged venison, \$30.
Floyd M. Yost, passing at intersection, \$15.
Vergel H. Conner, failure to dim lights, \$7.50.
Joan Nae Davidson, failure to stop, \$10.
William W. Crawford, overload, \$80.
Cernal Cook, overweight, \$15.
Bernard E. Crogar, Camp White, drunk on public highway, \$30.
Oscar W. Swanson, leaking fuel, \$6.
James P. Teets, defective muffler, \$6.
Jack D. Kellhofer, Ashland hotel, drunk on public highway, \$30.
Curtis Hammons, Ashland hotel, drunk on public highway, \$30.
George H. Paul, overload, \$145.

CIRCUIT COURT
Gertrude E. Selber vs. Ralph Selber, divorce decree.
Nancy Lila Richey vs. Donald Richey, divorce decree.
Mary Irene Drinkwater vs. Regy Drinkwater, divorce decree.
Sandra Lea Taylor vs. Richard E. Taylor, divorce decree.
Gertrude E. Wheeler vs. John V. Wheeler, divorce decree.
Eugene Wittingham vs. Ona Margaret Wittingham, divorce decree.

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