

Interior Department Regime Being Formed by Stewart Udall

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Washington (Special) — The new Interior Department regime is beginning to take shape under Secretary-designate Stewart Udall.

James K. Carr, chairman of the California Water Commission, is reportedly in line for the No. 2 slot, that of undersecretary. This is the job to which another Californian, Ralph Tudor, was appointed when the Eisenhower Administration was organized eight years ago.

Carr has had experience in

Washington as a member of the staff of the House Interior committee. He served as an engineering consultant in the early fifties.

Shunted Aside

If Carr is appointed, it will mean that an ardent public power champion, Clyde Ellis, was shunted aside in his personal campaign for this high post. Ellis, lobbyist here for the Rural Electric Co-Operatives, had tried for the top spot which went to Udall. He then tried for second place.

Carr is considered sympathetic to public power, however, but his appointment should be much more favorably received by such groups as the National Reclamation Association than would that of Ellis.

A factor in the selection of Carr is reportedly the ancient

dispute between California and Arizona over Colorado river water rights. Udall is from Arizona, so presumably the appointment of Carr will calm any California fears.

An Idaho man is set to become assistant secretary for public land management. He is John A. Carver, administrative assistant to Sen. Frank Church of Idaho for the past four years.

Practiced Law

Carver practiced law in Boise for 10 years before coming to Washington with Church. Previously, he served in the War Department before and after World War II. During the war he served with the Strategic Bombing Command. Carver took his law degree at Georgetown university here.

The assistant secretary for water and power is expected to be Ken Holm of Grotton, S.D. He has been active in the rural electric co-op movement. Holm will replace Fred Aandahl, the only one of the assistant secretaries appointed during the tenure of Secretary Douglas McKay who lasted to the end of the Eisenhower regime.

Determination of the two other assistant secretaries apparently has not yet been made. Al Day, former Oregon Fish commission director, has been mentioned as possible assistant secretary for fish and wildlife. Day was director of the Fish and Wildlife Service during the Truman Administration.

Day Replaced

When McKay came in, Day was replaced by John L. Farley of California. Farley was eased out by Secretary Fred A. Seaton during a 1956 reorganization in which Arnie J. Suomela of Astoria, Ore., was elevated to the newly created post, Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife. Just beneath the assistant secretary

for this function, Ross Leffler of Pittsburgh, a favorite of the organized conservationists, holds the post for which Day has been a rumored choice.

The bureau of reclamation is one Interior agency whose head will not be replaced by the new Kennedy Administration. Commissioner Floyd E. Dominy is reported to be assured of retention by Udall. Dominy was promoted to this post by Seaton from within the ranks to succeed another career man, Wilbur Dexheimer, who served under McKay and left to do private engineering work.

Bureau of Indian affairs will get a new man to replace Glenn L. Emmons. Reportedly Will Rogers Jr., a part Cherokee, declined the offer to be Indian commissioner. Gov. Philo Nash of Wisconsin, an anthropologist who specialized in Indian affairs, is a contender.

New BLM Director

The new director of the bureau of land management is expected to be Karl S. Landstrom of Lebanon, Ore., who

is now on the staff of the House Interior committee where he became acquainted with Udall, who was a committee member. Before that, Landstrom served as lands officer for BLM in its Washington office from 1953 to 1959, and as regional chief at Portland for the BLM division of lands and minerals. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon with a law degree from George Washington university here.

Landstrom is to succeed Edward Woolley of Idaho, who is reported to be in line for a field post with BLM after Jan. 20. Woolley was Idaho's Land Commission before coming to Washington under McKay. He now has civil service status, but has chosen not to try to hang onto his policy-making position as his predecessor did.

Woolley succeeded Marion Clawson, who made an issue of his civil service status and tried to resist being replaced with a new man when McKay took over in 1953. Clawson was to be assigned to other BLM duties but quit and went to work for a private organi-

Mother Decides Not To Remarry After First Is Annulled

London — (UPI) — Clifford and Joan Chambers always felt they were an average married couple.

For 16 years they lived together. They had five children and the usual number of quarrels, laughs, tears, joys and heartaches.

Neither thought about what the choice would be if they had it to do all over again until they got that chance.

After one prolonged argument, Mrs. Chambers went to court. An investigation showed Mrs. Chambers was only 15 below the age of consent when she wed Chambers in 1944 and the court annulled the marriage.

Clifford tried to make up with his wife and proposed to her a second time. She said no.

Mrs. Chambers said the more she thought about her

married life, the madder she got. She said the only things she could recall were the "fights, big and small," that she had with her husband during their marriage.

Realizes Something Else

Then she realized something else.

"In 16 years of married life, I never once had a vacation," she told the court Tuesday.

Her husband began to get worried and told her, "let's get married again right away."

But Mrs. Chambers shook her head and said her mind was made up.

"I am tired of it all," she said. "I want to rest. If we got married again, it would be more of the same thing."

Tuesday night, Mrs. Chambers and her husband slept in separate beds in separate rooms of their home in Derbyshire.

Although she earns only \$14.40 a week on her job, Mrs.

Fighter Squadron Receives AF Award

Colorado Springs, Colo. (UPI) — The Air Defense Command has awarded its Certificate of Meritorious Achievement to the 82nd Fighter Interceptor Squadron, K. I. Sawyer AFB, Mich.

The award was in recognition of the squadron's completing 36 months of operation without an accident.

Mice have six to ten litters of young a year, with six to eight mice in each litter.

Chambers said she would start looking for another place to live with her children. But first, she said, she will take a well-deserved vacation.

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TRAFFIC JAMMED—Southbound traffic on the James Lick freeway in San Francisco was jammed early Monday for nearly two hours by a series of car accidents involving 41 vehicles. Here, traffic backs up as nine cars involved in rear-end collisions block inside lane. —(UPI Telephoto)

Soviet Relations Would Improve With Release of Captive Airmen

Editor's note: Two American Air Force captains are languishing in a Russian jail, accused of espionage but not yet tried and not knowing their fate. Will they be freed as a gesture of good will to the Kennedy administration or will there be another show trial? This Moscow dispatch passed by censors assesses the situation.

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Moscow — (UPI) — Western diplomats in Moscow said they are convinced there can be no real improvement in American-Soviet relations until the two captive RB47 airmen are freed and sent home.

But will they be released? How soon can Air Force Capt. Freeman B. Olmstead of Elmira, N.Y., and John R. McCone of Tonganoxie, Kan., expect to be freed from a Moscow prison?

They have been held incommunicado since July 1. The charge is espionage, but there has been no trial.

They were the two survivors of the RB47 reconnaissance plane shot down over the Barents sea July 1. Four other airmen died.

Unlike U2 Incident

Unlike the case of U2 pilot Gary Powers, who was admitted on a spy mission over Siberia when shot down, the United States has insisted the RB47 was not spying and was downed over international waters.

The Soviet Union charged the plane was over Russian territory and was spying.

Since the election of John F. Kennedy, there has been a spate of goodwill statements from the Kremlin.

All are so much ballyhoo without some such concrete act as the release of McCone and Olmstead.

Although no American representative ever has been permitted to see them, diplomatic negotiations have gone on at length.

To get off on the right foot with the Kennedy administration, the Russians may seek to release the two men without losing face, in the opinion of Western diplomats.

(In Washington Soviet diplomats have vaguely hinted that the men may be freed.)

Moscow diplomats agree that no action will be taken until Kennedy takes office Jan. 20 and President Eisenhower, now a hated "imperialist," is out.

The case of Powers, sentenced to 10 years in captivity, is quite different. He is believed at the Vladimir penal work camp near Moscow, making envelopes.

Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev has proposed making the U2 flight a thing of the past.

Grange News

Eagle Point

Richard Thorpe, chief of the Moon Mountain Indians and his Indian dancers were featured at the Jan. 3 meeting of the Eagle Point Grange. Bob Thorpe and Steve Williams gave several Indian dances and then closed their part of the program with a rendition of the Lord's Prayer. C. C. Hoover told an Indian story of Chief Falling Rock.

The Grange opened in regular session after the program. Victor Croxton, state grange lecturer, was introduced. He was accompanied by Mrs. Croxton. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Olin Poe, Mrs. Mervin Hixson and Mrs. Christine Dinamore from the Phoenix Grange.

Hoover, in his community service report, told about the Eagle Point Grange participation in the starting of the development of the Agate Recreation area. This is a plan to convert Whetstone creek into a series of lakes and recreation. The Grange went on

a forgotten issue between two great powers.

Hard Time Explaining

But the Kremlin would have a hard time explaining to its people — and to the Red Chinese allies — the idea that Powers should be freed as a goodwill gesture.

It is a rare Soviet citizen who does not feel that Powers deserved severe punishment.

Furthermore, in the opinion of westerners in Moscow, the United States wants McCone and Olmstead released before anything else.

In any general warming up of relations, Powers quite possibly would be freed. But it would be entirely incidental to the graver American demands for the return of McCone and Olmstead.

record as favoring this plan.

In the community service tree planting project, Hoover said he had received another shipment of trees and it is hoped that the Grange will be able to give one to everyone in the Eagle Point and White City area who wishes a tree. He also stated that the Grange is giving plaques to several 4-H and Boy Scout clubs for their participation in the tree planting program.

Reactivation of the hospital in addition to the domiciliary center is another project of the community service committee. Members of the Grange serving on this committee are Hoover, Steve Wilson, Kenneth Cearley, Wilford Davies, and Robert Bitterling.

Home Economics club chairman Mrs. Lester Wertz in her quarterly report, said that Mrs. Glen Hale, Mrs. C. E. Smith, Mrs. Gertrude Stanley, Mrs. Augusta Perry and Mrs. Ethel Coy were sewing for the veterans once a month at the White City Domiciliary.

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