

# ICKES PUTS PRESIDENT ON SPOT

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# New Dealer Asks Probe On Pauley

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—The explosive exit of Harold L. Ickes from the cabinet shoved President Truman today onto the toughest political spot of his White House career.

In abrupt language, Ickes declared the president's cabinet was one in which he could no longer serve and "retain my self respect."

In even blunter fashion, Ickes called upon the justice department to investigate the truth of testimony which Edwin W. Pauley, Mr. Truman's nominee for undersecretary of navy, has given in senate hearings on his qualifications. Ickes categorically charged that Pauley made statements under oath which were not true.

This slam-bang leave-taking of the man who has directed the department of interior since 1933 posed these immediate problems for Mr. Truman:

1. He has to select a new secretary of the interior, and he was reported to be seeking an appointment of such top caliber that the nomination would tend to offset the circumstances of Ickes' resignation.

2. He faces the job of repairing whatever damage has been done in party ranks. Congressional elections come up this fall, with a presidential contest ahead in 1948—and Ickes long has had a substantial following in the new deal wing of the party.

3. He must decide whether to press for Pauley's confirmation to the navy post, despite the fresh handicaps posed by Ickes' bitter attack.

4. He has to neutralize the political dynamite which Ickes created in a post-resignation statement that he did not care to continue in an administration "where I'm expected to commit perjury for the sake of a party."

More To Say

The end may not be yet. Ickes indicated he may have more to say about his charges that Pauley, California oil man, suggested to him in 1944 that \$300,000 could be raised from arrested oil men for the democratic campaign fund if the government did not push its suit to establish title to off-shore oil lands. It was President Truman's comment that Ickes could have been mistaken in this testimony that brought the resignation.

The senate naval committee resumes hearings on the Pauley nomination next week, with Pauley scheduled to offer a rebuttal to the Ickes testimony. Ickes told reporters his own re-appearance before the committee "depends on what Pauley has to say Monday."

Congressional reaction to the cabinet shuffling is expected to be mixed. A number of southern democrats applauded his exit, while westerners had praise for the way he administered his department. Some democrats, too, said they thought Mr. Truman should pick a good man as Ickes' successor—and quickly.

Sharp Exchange

It was generally agreed that the capital has seldom seen such a sharp exchange between a cabinet member and his president. Ickes offered his resignation as secretary of interior effective March 31. Mr. Truman pointedly made the effective date February 15, in accepting it, and added, "I assure you that I have had no secret design, having resigned as secretary of the interior, to hold on to any other office under your jurisdiction."

To this Ickes fired back in another letter: "I assure you that I have had no secret design, having resigned as secretary of the interior, to hold on to any other office under your jurisdiction."

Officers of the commission said today that phenomenal growth of the post, now approaching a membership of 700, made it necessary to obtain suitable facilities for service work, social and recreational activities. The membership has grown at the rate of 60 per month for some time and at a meeting February 7, a class of 34 were obligated.

Officers of the Overseas Veterans building commission are: Walter L. Thompson, president; Ray E. Williams, vice president; and J. N. Brochtrup, secretary and treasurer.

Detailed plans of the proposed building will be announced in the immediate future. Neither the consideration of the building lot, nor estimated cost of the building were given today.

## KF Man Loses \$1640 In Cash

Charles Bennett, stone mason residing at 3658 Worden, lost \$1640 in two packages of currency somewhere in town late yesterday afternoon.

Bennett has reported to the sheriff's office that he had the money in an envelope in an inside pocket of his coat. Yesterday afternoon he came to town, parked on Klamath and went into a cafe to eat, returned to his car, drove to the Concrete Pipe company for a few minutes, then started home.

While driving home he discovered that the envelope and money were gone.

The currency, all \$20 bills, was in two sheaves, one of \$1000 with a bank wrapper and the other \$640 with a bank wrapper, was drawn out of a bank last week.

## Barracks Plan Will Be Studied

### Snell Hopes To Finish Negotiations By March 1

SALEM, Feb. 14 (AP)—The proposal to operate the \$8,500,000 Klamath Marine Barracks as a college for war veterans will be considered in Portland next Monday by the state board of higher education, with Governor Earl Snell hoping to complete negotiations before March 1, when the government closes the plant.

Governor Snell disclosed the plan yesterday as a method of relieving the load now being borne by the University of Oregon and Oregon State college.

The decision appears to rest with the board of higher education, as the governor's office said federal officials have expressed willingness to turn the plant over to the state without cost.

### Wins Support

Capt. L. T. Coggeshall, chief medical officer for the barracks, already has won the support of General Omar Bradley, head of the veterans administration; Gen. Archer Vandegrift, commander of the marine corps; and navy medical authorities.

Present plans are to educate between 400 and 600 married veterans, and between 1000 and 1200 single veterans. The plant, which will be released by the navy on March 1, would be given to the state without cost.

The state would be able to provide living quarters and meals to veterans at low cost.

### Junior College

It has not been decided exactly what kind of an institution would be operated, but the idea that has won the most support is to operate it as a junior college, providing the first two years of college work.

After the board acts, Governor Snell will ask the board and the state emergency board to go to visit the barracks in order to get the program under way quickly.

The 85 major buildings in the barracks area have a life of about 35 years, and include elaborate recreation facilities. The institution was used during the war to treat marines who suffered from tropical diseases.

Sen. Guy Cordon will conduct the final negotiations in behalf of the board.

## Hearing Slated On Yukon Wreck

SEATTLE, Feb. 14 (AP)—The merchant marine inspection board and coast guard officers lined up witnesses today to appear tomorrow at a closed hearing to investigate and fix responsibility for the wrecking of the liner Yukon in Alaska waters with the loss of 11 lives.

Many of the 192 men and women survivors who arrived last night on a sister ship, the Alaska, were remaining in the city tonight, or live here. Coast guard officers who boarded the Alaska at Ketchikan, Alaska, and Port Angeles, Wash., on the way south queried passengers about the wreck.

## Air Of Uneasy Quiet Hangs Over Calcutta After Riots

By DONALD HUTH  
CALCUTTA, Feb. 14 (AP)—An air of uneasy quiet hung over Calcutta today after three days of widespread anti-British disturbances which unconfirmed reports said left 37 persons dead and nearly 400 injured.

Strong British military detachments continued to patrol the city, where 13 were killed and more than 150 hurt yesterday in repeated clashes between military forces and mobs which appeared bent on destroying anything connected with the government.

Transportation remained at a standstill this morning and telephone, telegraph and postal operations were seriously affected.

European shops, many of which were damaged and looted in Tuesday's uprising, remained closed in most sections. Two post offices have been looted.

A nauseating stench hung over many areas as garbage piled up in the street because of interrupted collection service. Gas street lights in some sections remained unlit during the night.

The all-India congress party, the Moslem league and the communist party sent peace squadrons into disturbed areas last night and after a midnight tour they expressed the opinion that the situation would improve, although their automobiles were attacked by mobs.

A thousand American troops on leave in Calcutta were evacuated for safety after five officers and 13 enlisted men were injured early in the disturbances, which resulted from a protest against the sentencing of a Moslem officer of the Indian National Army, who was reported to have gone on a hunger strike today.

Nineteen additional American casualties were reported last night, when a convoy of 800 homeward-bound GI's was showered with bricks and a rail tie dropped from an overhead bridge near Kanchrapara.

Three soldiers suffered concussion but all except PFC Max B. Benton of Tabor City, N. C., were able to board the Seattle-bound Marine Angel. Benton is expected to leave the hospital within a few days.

## Last Year's Prisoner Of War—This Year's Valentine



Lt. John Raffetto of the U. S. army, and a prisoner of war last year, is on terminal leave now and happy to be home as his expression shows. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Raffetto, 1948 Portland. Lt. Raffetto was liberated from the German prison camp by the Russians and was still in Europe last Valentine's Day.

## Love's In Bloom On Day Of Hearts And Flowers

Love swept Klamath Falls like a whirlwind this month, tearing through the stores, leaving empty shelves once gay with Valentine greeting cards, in its wake. Love's in bloom if nothing else is, an all-time high in sales of Valentine greeting cards indicates. A check made with local merchants this week shows that larger shipments of cards received this year than during all the war years, dwindled to a few scattered leftovers on the shelves Tuesday.

No cheap sentiment this Valentine exchange. The large, higher priced cards with satin hearts and lacey frills are the favorites. Fewer children's Valentines were to be found this year and the limited number of lower priced kind used for school rooms and large parties disappeared before they were well settled on display counters.

Grandpa and Grandma greetings were popular as a pound of butter and Mother-and-Father combination Valentines ran a close second.

Books of Valentines to be cut out like paper dolls and envelopes of materials for making personalized Valentines were in demand by the younger set. Merchants estimated they could have disposed of half as many cards again as they did, in every age group.

February 14, the day of hearts and flowers, stimulated business in other lines of merchandise as well, with gift articles of every variety purchased to emphasize 1946 printed expressions of affection.

## UNO Will Talk Syrian Issue

LONDON, Feb. 14 (AP)—The United Nations security council agreed today to take up the issue of British and French troops in Syria and Lebanon at 11 a. m. tomorrow and the general assembly rushed to adjournment of its first historic meeting.

Working at top speed the assembly hoped to pass quickly upon recommendations for a temporary headquarters site in New York City and a permanent one in Westchester and Fairfield counties of New York and Connecticut, and dispose of a Big Five resolution calling upon United Nations members to take "immediate and drastic action" to remedy the world food situation.

By 10 p. m., (2 p. m., PST) the assembly delegates hoped to conclude their London meeting with addresses by British Prime Minister Attlee, assembly President Paul Henri-Spaak of Belgium and Secretary-General Trygve Lie of Norway.

## Detachment Will Be Left At Post

Col. Charles Brooks of the Marine Barracks said today he had received instructions to leave a small detachment of marines at the barracks when the corps formally moves out of the post March 1.

Three officers and something around 100 men will maintain the property pending final disposition of it. Previously, there had been reports that a civilian crew of caretakers would be in charge.

## Count Cut To Manslaughter

The charge against Clyde Edward Todd, accused of shooting Ross Simmers on January 25, was reduced to manslaughter from second degree murder by Justice of the Peace J. A. Mahoney this morning.

Todd's preliminary hearing was conducted yesterday. He has been bound over to the grand jury and bail set at \$2500 cash or \$5000 property. The former Southern Pacific railroad patrolman, very nervous since his arrest three weeks ago, burst into tears again this morning in court.

Upon conviction, manslaughter carries with it a one to 15-year prison sentence.

## 10-Day Tug Strike Ends

By The Associated Press  
New York's harbor churned with activity today, a paralyzing 10-day strike of tugboat workers ended, and in Detroit the president of General Motors denied American business leaders drew up a program last December for a fight against union wage demands and price controls.

C. E. Wilson, GM head, made the denial during a national labor relations board hearing on charges by the CIO United Auto Workers that the corporation had failed to bargain in good faith.

Attorney Harold Cranfield of the NLRB staff referred to a luncheon given by General Motors in New York December 19, the day before a presidential fact-finding board began studying the GM dispute.

Wilson said representatives of such corporations as General Motors, U. S. Steel, Westinghouse and the meat packing industry were present and added they were there because all faced strikes in their industries.

"We just discussed the hell of a shape we were in," he said. "No agreements came out of that meeting; none were intended; there was nothing sinister about the meeting. In fact it's too bad that group can't make decisions for the country."

## Political Candidates Seek Office

### Aspirants For County And State Berths Eye Election

With an earlier-than-ever candidate filing deadline less than a month away, politics is at last beginning to stir in this area and promises to become increasingly active from now until the primary May 17. Candidates must file for the primary this year by March 8.

Henry Semon, veteran Klamath legislator, mailed his formal candidacy filing to the secretary of state today, and reports are that Rose Poole, who is in her first term in the lower house, will also seek re-nomination.

Semon is a democrat and Mrs. Poole a republican. Mrs. Poole, first woman to represent Klamath in the legislature, was out of town today and her definite intentions could not be ascertained.

Rep. Semon has been in the legislature since 1933, and for many terms, including the last, has served as chairman of the important ways and means committee. He is a prominent Henry farmer.

### Hector Files

Wallace Hector, county engineer, filed yesterday for the republican nomination for county surveyor, a job now held by Republican Frank Z. Howard. Whether Howard will also be a candidate has not been announced.

Hector is a long-time resident of the county, and holds the county engineer job under appointment by the county court. He resides at 533 North 9th street.

Newton Nelson, democrat, is expected to run for re-nomination for county assessor, but has not filed or announced. There has been courthouse rumor that Mae K. Short, former county clerk, might seek democratic nomination for assessor.

Fred Pope, county commissioner, was the first candidate to file for county office. He seeks republican renomination.

State Senator Marshall Cornett of Klamath Falls, representing the 17th district, is reported making headway in his campaign for the senate presidency the coming term. Cornett holds over and does not need to run for reelection to the senate this year.

## 2 Escape In Prison Break

SALEM, Feb. 14 (AP)—Two state prison convicts escaped from their cells this morning and went over the wall in a heavy fog. Prison Warden George Alexander announced. They were not missed until a count was made this afternoon.

The men are Allan D. Brumfield, who was received from Multnomah county Nov. 9, 1939, to serve a life sentence for first degree murder; and Harold W. Manning, who was sentenced to five years for a burglary in Clackamas county.

The bars to their cells were sprung, and a plank led to the wall around the prison yard.

It was the second prison break for Brumfield, who broke from the Washington state prison two weeks later in a gun battle with Portland police.

Taken to a Portland hospital, he made a spectacular escape at tempt which ended in his life sentence. Wrestling a gun from his guard, he fatally shot the hospital attendant, Mrs. Hattie Hooker, and, using a physician as a shield, fought his way to the hospital's main floor. Two physicians finally overpowered him.

## Klamath Resident Brings Diogenes Search To End

Diogenes can put away his lantern now!

In a letter to The Herald and News, a Bishop, Calif., couple told of losing a purse containing \$373 in cash and \$150 in checks and how it was returned to them intact by a Klamath resident.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Morris, California motorists, lost the purse somewhere between Chemult and Sand Creek while traveling at night. They did not learn of the loss until their arrival in Klamath Falls early in the morning. They registered at

a hotel and wired Mrs. Morris' father for money.

In the meantime, H. W. Christy of 3223 Laverne, Klamath Falls, en route home from his pumpice plant at Chemult, spotted the purse on the highway and brought it into town. Christy spent considerable time in locating the purse owners, even putting in long distance calls, but finally found the Californians at a local hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris expressed sincere appreciation for Christy's consideration and wished to voice their gratitude through the medium of this newspaper.

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