

Air Force Brass Back in Business

WASHINGTON, (AP)—John A. McCone, Los Angeles business executive, has resigned as undersecretary of the air force. Pres. Truman nominated Roswell L. Gilpatrick, assistant secretary since May, to succeed him.

The two moves were announced yesterday by the White House. McCone said in a letter made public

by the White House he resigned for "personal reasons." He said he wanted to return to private life. McCone said he had accepted the job with the expectation of serving a year and had remained on for nearly six months longer.

Mr. Truman accepted the resignation with "extreme regret. Gilpatrick, 44 years old, is a New York attorney."



EUGENE H. FAVELL new associate with John H. Houston, district representative of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene G. Favell, Lakeview and a graduate of Stanford. With Mrs. Favell (Winnifred Lamm) he is making his home at 2244 Darrow.

Civil Rights Battle Brews

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Sen. McFarland of Arizona, senate Democratic leader, said "flatly no" today to proposals that the senate stay in session this fall for a showdown over civil rights legislation.

"We will not take it up at this session—flatly no," McFarland told a reporter. He added that he would decide "when the time comes" whether to schedule it after the senate reconvenes in January.

McFarland made his statement after Sen. Benton (D-Gon) had disclosed he planned "to do everything I can to precipitate a showdown" on the issue "as soon as I can."

CONTROVERSY
Benton is serving as acting chairman of the rules committee at hearings on a hotly controversial move to put a crimp in filibusters, southern senators' traditional weapon against civil rights legislation.

At issue in the hearings are a batch of rival proposals to make it easier to impose a time limit on debate. No such limitation is permissible on proposals to amend any senate rule—a circumstance which makes certain a filibuster against any serious move to muzzle the ancient right to talk a bill to death by never letting it come to a vote.

Benton leads a group seeking to permit the senate to invoke a debate limit, known as cloture, by a majority vote of the senators present and voting. The senate rule now requires at least two-thirds of the elected members, a minimum of 64 votes to impose the limit.

Benton has told the committee it is impossible to get that many votes. He contends that is equivalent to "letting a majority" that it cannot vote on civil rights bills to prohibit racial and color discrimination, abolish the poll tax and make lynching a federal offense.

Benton told a reporter he is consulting more experienced colleagues on the prospects of "wearing out a filibuster" against a rules change.

MORSE
Sen. Morse (R-Ore) proposed yesterday that the senate force 24-hour-a-day sessions for as many successive days as are necessary to wear down the filibusters and get a vote on the issue.

Sen. Stennis (D-Miss) told a reporter he thought 25 determined men would outlast the others in a round-the-clock filibuster, and that he thinks at least that many are willing to try.

Benton said the strategy is to face a filibuster on a rule change, rather than on a civil rights bill, because "once you have won out on the rule, you can then get a vote on the bills."

Killer Sets Top Record Gets Pardon

WETHERSFIELD, Conn., (AP)—A lawyer told the state pardons board some of the reasons why Thomas Coyne, 36-year-old convicted cop killer, is called "the angel" by his fellow inmates in state prison.

He worked 72 consecutive hours helping the ill during an influenza outbreak in the prison.

He served as a "human guinea pig" in wartime medical experiments.

He wanted to donate skin to victims of the 1944 circus fire in Hartford.

He donated 14 pints of blood to the Red Cross.

He has been a faithful assistant to the prison's Catholic chaplain and an attendant in the prison hospital.

All these things, the lawyer said yesterday, Coyne has done during the last thirteen years while serving a life term, imposed on him for shooting the New Haven policeman who arrested him for a hold-up.

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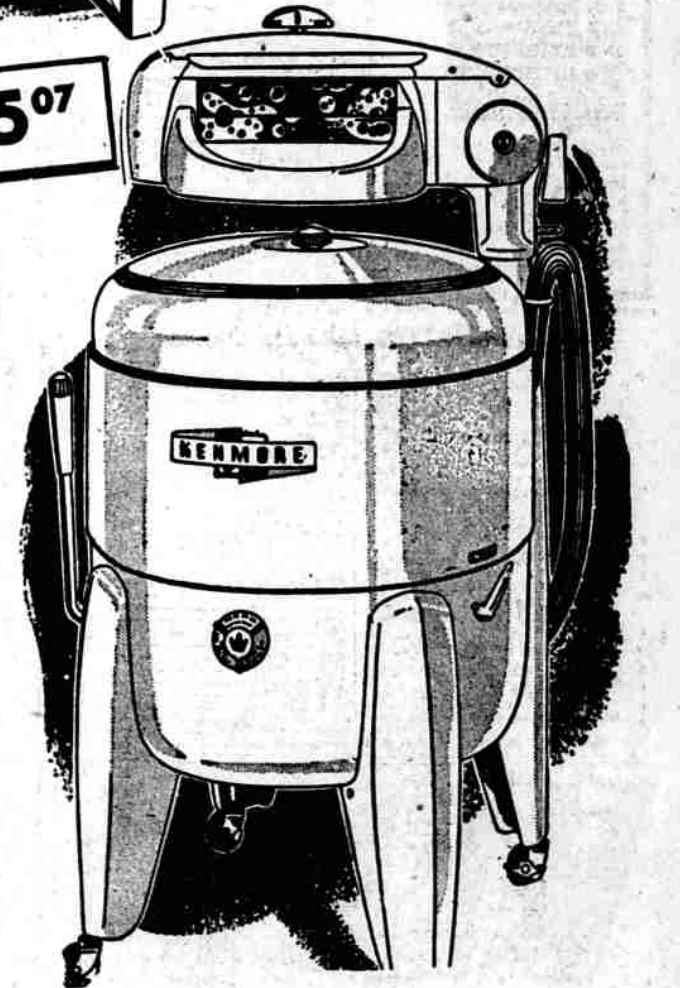
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