

Taft Inactive in Party Search for Senate Chief

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, (AP) — Sen. Taft today said he isn't going to attempt to influence the choice of a senatorial floor leader.

Taft told a reporter in a telephone interview from Omaha he hopes the Republicans can agree on a successor to the late Sen. Wherry of Nebraska without any squabble which might divide the party.

"I don't think it is clear yet who the candidates will be and it will go to the conference to fill the job," he said.

He alluded to the conference of 45 Republican senators which is expected to meet this month to elect a successor to Wherry.

The Ohio senator wouldn't comment directly but it was clear that anyone would be acceptable to him who could be classed as a neutral in what may be a race between Taft and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for the GOP presidential nomination.

Friends said Taft had no special interest in placing one of his outspoken supporters in the floor manager's job, since he will continue a good grip on the party reins as chairman of the senate GOP policy committee.

So far as he is concerned, Taft apparently left the field wide open except that he could be expected to oppose any such avowed supporter of Eisenhower as Sen. Saltonstall of Massachusetts, the present assistant leader.

Saltonstall, who filled in for several weeks during Wherry's illness at the close of the last session, left on a Latin American vacation trip without indicating whether he will become a candidate.

Republican senators discussed the leadership vacancy informally at Omaha, Neb., after funeral services were held for Wherry yesterday at Pacific City, Nels.

While there was no agreement, Sen. Bridges of New Hampshire and Millikin of Colorado emerged as possible compromise candidates.

Sen. Bridges was said to want the job on a permanent basis but friends thought either might be prevailed upon to take it for the 1952 session to avoid an open battle between opposing presidential factions.

Bridges, the Republican with the longest senate service, has not come out for any candidate. Millikin is regarded as a Taft supporter but hasn't taken any leading part in the Ohioan's campaign for the nomination.

Whether Knowland is a candidate, however, may depend upon the action of some other senators with longer service records. Wherry seniority isn't compelling in the election of a floor leader, it nevertheless is somewhat persuasive.

Thus far none of the senators with seniority—such as Brewster of Michigan and Hickenlooper of Iowa—has indicated publicly any interest in seeking the post.

Increased lumbering in Curry brought the largest gain, 88.7 percent, to \$1,360,484 during the January-June period, while Gilliam and Unalakleet did nearly as well with 65.3 and 58.9 percent respectively. Greater activity in connection with building of the McNary dam caused their uptrends.

Multnomah registered the biggest gain with \$254,330,228, up \$44 million from the first half of 1950. It failed to equal the 1943-44 record aided by shipyard and other wartime work. Its percentage gain was below the state average of 24.7.

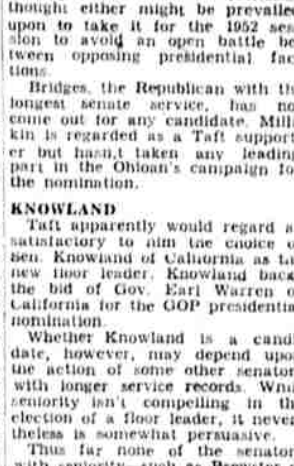
Among the larger counties Coos, Lane and Douglas continued to set the pace with gains from 32 to 41 percent.

Hood River, Crook, Lincoln and Blaine also reported good increases, mostly due to increasing activity in wood products. Only as came from Morrow, where completion of a construction contract resulted in a slight drop from record 1950.

Paisley
MRS. CLYDE BRAMLETTE, a former Paisley resident met in critical injuries Wednesday evening November 28 when John Minton, son of Mrs. Mattie Minton and brother of Mrs. Henry Minton of Lakeview suffered a skull fracture when a car was driving collided with another car near Canyonville.



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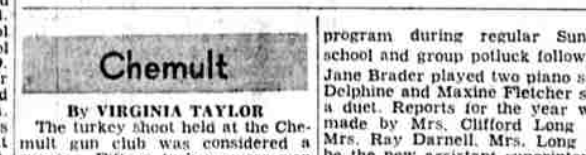
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M'Carthy On Fence Over Senate Job

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The death of Senator Wherry of Nebraska last week left a Republican vacancy on that key committee, which handles other things besides on funds for the state department — the prime target of McCarthy's Communist-in-government charges.

McCarthy generally is regarded as first in line for the seat because he was a member of the committee for a short time earlier this year. He was "bumped" in the senate realignment which resulted from the death of Senator Vandenberg, Michigan Republican, who was replaced by a Democrat.

Republican Gov. Val Peterson can be expected to appoint a Republican to succeed Wherry. That would preserve the party division which prevailed before Wherry's death—50 Democrats and 46 GOP members.

"My present thinking is that I would like to go back on the appropriations committee, but I certainly haven't made up my mind," McCarthy told reporters.

"I might pass up the chance because certain other Republican senators—to whom I am obligated for past favors—have asked me whether I might be willing to stand aside to let them bid for the appropriations seat."

McCarthy declined to elaborate regarding the past favors he said had been done for him.

At present McCarthy is the senior Republican on the senate expenditures committee, as well as on its investigations subcommittee. He also is a member of the rules committee, which has turned over to a subcommittee for study a resolution by Senator Benton (D-Conn.) raising a question of whether McCarthy should be ousted from the senate.

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From an airplane a mile high, the ocean's horizon would be about 95 miles distant.

SP To Drop Siskiyou Line

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP) — The Southern Pacific now is free to abandon passenger service between Grants Pass and Dunsmuir. Bus service will replace the single train which has been running daily between the two points.

The California public utilities commission Wednesday authorized the SP to drop the service. It had been losing \$1076 a day, the railroad said. The PUC in its order specifies that 10 days notice must be given before dropping the trains and bus service must be provided on U.S. 99 for passengers to and from Yreka, Hornbrook and Hill, Calif. The SP in its petition offered such service.

The abandonment will mean an end to passenger service on what once was the main line. But that route, the Siskiyou, has many curves and has long been a secondary route with mainline trains moving on the Cascade line through Klamath Falls.

The mountains and curves held trains to 22.9 miles an hour between Grants Pass and Dunsmuir. The SP says the bus service will be faster.

Reds Praise Soviet Rule

MOSCOW, (AP) — Observing the 15th anniversary of Russia's "Stalin constitution," the two foremost Soviet papers praised it today and compared it with the American "constitution of the dollar and war."

Pravda, organ of the Russian Communist party, devoted two pages to the comparison. One page carried photographs of a lynched Negro and of a policeman after bloody suppression of a strike — scenes such as can be encountered at every step in the United States," said the caption.

The opposite page was devoted to Russia's "constitution of peace and happiness," which was proclaimed by Premier Stalin on December 5, 1936.

Izvestia, the government's organ, said the Soviet constitution is the most democratic in the world. Singing up the West, Izvestia said: "From the example of the United States—the chief country of the capitalist world—there is clearly visible the process of decline and degeneration of bourgeois democracy."

Magazine Fires Back At Gen. Willoughby's Charge

NEW YORK, (AP) — Newsweek magazine, replying to charges by Maj. Gen. Charles A. Willoughby says its job "is to report the facts, however unpleasant they may be."

"It has always been our conviction, General Willoughby notwithstanding, that a well-informed public is America's greatest security," the magazine adds in its first public reply to the general.

Willoughby, who was Gen. Douglas MacArthur's intelligence chief in the Pacific accused some correspondents and magazines last week of "inaccurate, biased, prejudiced, petulant" reporting in Korea.

Newsweek's reply is contained in its December 10 issue, out today. The magazine said: "He (Willoughby) accuses us of utter and complete pessimism for calling the retreat from the Yalu last fall 'America's worst military blunder since the battle of the bulge' and maybe even Pearl Harbor."

"He accuses us also of 'brazen juggling of figures.'"

"He denounces us for having said on Feb. 5 'the cost of Korea in American blood... equivalent statistically to the loss of strength of three of the seven American divisions in Korea...'"

Then newsweek replied: "It is a sad but brutal fact that what happened at the Yalu last fall was a defeat for American arms. A victorious American army, launching what was to have been its final offensive, ran into a superior force, which hurled it back. It was forced to retreat beyond the 38th parallel; it was forced to surrender 57,000 square miles of conquered territory; it was forced to give up the city of Seoul."

"It is equally sad, equally brutal that Americans have been dying in Korea. On Feb. 2, the defense department's casualty list ran to 46,814 names of killed, wounded and 'missing in action.' That was as Newsweek said, the equivalent of three divisions."

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The bottle drifted onto the beach Hollywood, Fla. Dan Tannen v it came in with the tide. A note in the bottle asked the finder to mail the letter to Kremzler in Miami.

Tannen delivered the letter personally. Mrs. Kremzler got it two days after her husband sent it into the sea.

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