

# Morse, Brewster Argue Taft's Future Actions

By The Associated Press

Two Republican senators Thursday disagreed over whether Sen. Taft would carry out U.S. obligations in the European defense program if elected President.

Sen. Morse (R-Ore.), supporting Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for the GOP nomination, said Taft "would defeat the foreign policy for which General Eisenhower stands."

Sen. Brewster (R-Me.), a Taft backer, promptly challenged the statement. He said the Ohio senator has "made it perfectly clear" that as President he would carry out U.S. commitments under the North Atlantic Pact.

Morse, however, said with Taft as President it would be "impossible to carry out our obligations in Europe."

**FUZZLE** — Politicians are still trying to figure out what—if anything—was indicated by the year's first elections.

In New York, the Democratic loser in Tuesday's first presidential year congressional election blamed his loss on President Truman.

City Councilman Hugh Quinn, defeated by Republican Robert Tripp Ross, said "Truman licked me."

"I lost out against the scandals in the national administration," Quinn said. "The election should not have been decided on national issues, but the people made it the issue."

Ross hammered away at taxes, crime, corruption and Communism—and Republicans hailed his victory as a good omen for the November election.

# NPA Approves New Building

WASHINGTON (AP)—The National Production Authority Thursday approved a start on construction on 645 churches, fire stations, orphanages and community buildings with materials to be made available in the nine months following July 1.

The go-ahead, it was understood, applies to virtually the entire list of pending applications for public welfare and safety projects in all parts of the country. The total estimated cost is more than 20 million dollars.

Details as to the specific projects approved and their location will not be announced until after all the building authorizations and the allotments have been issued.

President Truman again side-stepped announcement of his own plans at a news conference Wednesday.

And a man many believed Truman favored as his successor—if he doesn't run himself—was reported out of the picture.

The Washington Post said Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson will not permit himself to become a Democratic candidate even if drafted.

Vinson has been frequently mentioned as a possible nominee if Truman bows out.

But, said a copyrighted article by Post Publisher Philip L. Graham, Vinson is convinced the nation's highest judge should not be involved in politics.

**ENTRY HITCH** — Other political developments: Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, campaigning for the Democratic nomination, sought to withdraw from the March 18 Minnesota primary, but without complying with the state law which says a candidate, once entered, must sign an affidavit that he isn't a candidate for the Presidency if he wishes to take his name off the ballot.

Kefauver's office said he obviously could not do that.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, often mentioned as a GOP candidate, tried to get his name off of Pennsylvania's primary but didn't go about it right. Officials informed the general they could only accept formal affidavits—and a spokesman for MacArthur said a proper form would be mailed immediately.

**Billy and Mac Get Together** — WASHINGTON (AP)—Billy Graham had a scheduled 30 minute conference with Gen. Douglas MacArthur in New York Thursday but it stretched into an hour, the touring evangelist's headquarters here reported.

Graham quoted the general as saying when their session ended: "Billy, keep giving it to them."

The youthful evangelist called MacArthur "one of the greatest Americans of all time."

Graham said the talk in the general's office centered on "religious and international politics."

**STUDENTS KILLED** — CALCUTTA, India (AP)—Three students were killed and 20 seriously injured at Dacca in Pakistan Thursday when police fired on a demonstration protesting the Pakistan government's decision to establish Urdu as a state language, advice received here said. The students want Bengali equally recognized as a state language.



'FILL 'ER UP' — Cpl. Dick Mickelson of Glendale, Calif., a member of the 24th Division—first to fight the Communists in Korea. Re-acquaints himself with fresh milk in Japan where the division has been returned for duty. Mess Sgt. Arnold Halvorson of Tacoma, Wash., offers him all he can drink.

# State Senator Not Running

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP)—Russell L. Gardner, state senator for Lincoln and Tillamook counties, said Thursday he would not be a candidate for re-election.

The Pendleton East Oregonian some months ago reported that its pool of newsmen covering the state legislature listed Gardner as the state's worst senator.

He said the press of business and the criticism in the pool prompted his decision.

**SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—**Australia's only major film production center, Pagewood Studios, is to close down Trade circles say the closing will be a severe setback for the Australian film industry.

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# Death-Crash Teenagers Tell of Beer Purchase

## DHIA May Reform

The Klamath County Dairymen's Association Saturday formed a committee to investigate the possibility of reforming the Klamath County Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

The DHIA was discontinued over a year ago when the number of cows on test fell below the number necessary for the association's successful operation.

A tally of dairymen taken at Saturday's meeting at the Fairgrounds showed that more than 1,000 cows should be available for tests should the DHIA be reformed.

The main problem facing the reformation, dairymen decided, was the necessity of a milk tester.

About 60 dairymen checked farm milk tanks during an exhibition before the meetings.

**COMMUNITY AMBULANCE** — FERNIE, B. C. (AP)—Fernie has purchased a seven-passenger automobile to be converted into an ambulance, as the first step in establishing a community ambulance service. Voluntary drivers and attendants will operate the service at cost.

ALBANY, Ore. (AP)—Two teenagers survivors of an automobile crash that killed their four companions testified Thursday that beer found in the car after the accident was obtained at a grocery near Sweet Home.

The two, Carol Ann Whinery and Darlene Vandehey, both 16-year-old Lebanon girls, testified at a State Liquor Commission hearing on revocation of the license of the Midway Grocery, located 1 1/2 miles east of Sweet Home in U.S. Highway No. 26.

Named as proprietors of the grocery were Cecil B. Shelton, Eley Shelton, Pearl D. Meneer and Gordon L. Meneer.

The girls said that on the night of Feb. 9 they and their four companions stopped at the grocery en route to a dance. Glen Smith, driver of the car and one of those killed, told them he could get the beer because he once worked at the grocery, they testified.

**Located** — William R. Jordan, liquor commission investigator, told the hearing the two girls directed him to the grocery and pointed it out as the place where the beer was obtained.

Jordan said he was called into the investigation by state Police man W. F. Newell, who reported finding 10 unopened bottles of beer in the car after it was removed from Crabtree Creek, 14 miles east of Albany.

The girls testified that Smith, 17,

as driving at a rate of speed when the car went out of control, hit a bridge and rolled into the creek.

Mark Weatherford, Albany, one of the attorneys representing the defendants, objected at the hearing that the notice had failed to state the time and place of the alleged sale of the beer or to name the persons to whom it was sold. He added that he had not received notice of the hearing until two days ago.

Unshaken — Weatherford cross-examined the Vandehey and Whinery girls, but failed to shake their testimony.

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