



VFW LONG FORM INITIATION was held at VFW Hall Thursday, Nov. 6, adding 59 new members to the local organization. E. L. Mikesell, State Department Commander (center foreground), assisted S. F. Henke, Post Commander for Klamath Falls (third from left) in the ceremonies. —Guderian Photo

Snyder Tells of Interest In Universal Tax Claim

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of the Treasury Snyder, it was disclosed Friday, has acknowledged to House tax investigators, that he acted personally to speed up a 20-million-dollar tax case—but only in the interest of more efficient administration.

He said "at no time did I express interest in the result of the case."
Snyder explained his interest in expediting a multi-million-dollar excess profits tax claim by Universal Pictures, Inc., in a letter to members of a House Ways and Means subcommittee investigating the Internal Revenue Bureau.

Contents of the letter were revealed for the first time Friday by committee sources. At the same time, a committee member, Rep. Curtis (R-Neb.), demanded that Snyder appear in person before the group "before he leaves office."

ment for a fair and reasonably prompt consideration of its claims without waiver in any respect of the interest of the government."
Curtis said the recently-acquired telephone log of Charles Oliphant, resigned general counsel of the Internal Revenue Bureau, brings to light "some things the committee should inquire about."

The log, a stenographic transcript of all phone calls into and out of Oliphant's office from 1947 until he quit under fire last fall, was handed the committee by the Justice Department last Friday over Treasury objections.

Curtis told a reporter: "My examination of parts of the log indicates considerable interest on the part of the Secretary of the

Universal Pictures Case, and I'd like to hear what he's got to say."

In a statement earlier, Rep. Kean (R-N. J.), who is slated to succeed King as chairman of the subcommittee, said that in acquiring the log investigators have "ac-

quired the right to great expectations."

Curtis, in discussing the Universal case, also said, "I am aware of public reports that a member of Snyder's family is a representative of this concern, and that is further reason for the committee getting all the facts."

Snyder's son-in-law, John Horton, is now Washington representative of Universal.

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'Halftone' Babies Baffle Docs

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Eng. (AP)—Brand new "halftone" babies who suddenly change color with a sharp line down their middles dividing pale from pink are baffling medical men.

The tots regain normal pinkness all over after a short period and everything seems all right with them—but hospital doctors still scratched their heads in bewilderment as they reported the phenomenon today in a medical journal, The Lancet.

In the past year, 21 babies have undergone the strange change, all while lying on their sides.

"Each of us on separate occasions saw a particular baby in the nursery of this hospital undergo a most bizarre and striking color change with which we were previously unfamiliar," doctors at Princess Mary Maternity Hospital wrote in the article.

"At the age of three days, she

was lying naked on her right side in an oxygen box when the left half of her body became much paler than usual although the right side remained the usual pink," they wrote of one case.

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Business Due For Good Turn

CINCINNATI (AP) — Laurence F. Lee, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, said today business can expect friendlier treatment from President-elect Eisenhower's administration than it got from the Democrats.

"The outgoing administration chose business as a political whipping boy—and the whole economy has suffered as a result," Lee said. "For the time being, that era is over."

Lee warned, however, against looking on the Republican election triumph as a victory for business.

"On balance, it appears to me that no economic group can claim a victory," he said, "and that is as it should be."

Lee's speech was prepared for delivery at a meeting of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

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