

### Morse Status Still in Doubt

By JOHN CHADWICK  
 WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Wayne Morse's decision to vote with the Republicans on the organization of the Senate despite his bolt from the party still left unanswered to whether disciplinary action will be taken against him.

Republican senators have been reluctant to say if they plan to strip the Oregon senator of the seniority he has acquired by his eight years of service in the Senate, and of his choice assignments on the Senate Armed Services and Labor Committees.

Morse quit the Republican party and declared himself an independent during the presidential campaign after turning against Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and throwing his support to Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois, the Democratic nominee.

He announced Saturday, however, that he would vote with the Republicans on organizing the Senate in the belief that the incoming administration of President-elect Eisenhower should have full responsibility for the conduct of the government.

But he said he would nonetheless maintain his status as an independent and would not participate in either Republican or Democratic caucuses.

Sen. Welker (R-Idaho), commenting on Morse's statement that the Republicans should have full responsibility, told a reporter, "I think we can have that responsibility without his vote."

Welker said he would leave comment on possible disciplinary action to others.

Democrats have shown no disposition to contest Republican control of the new Senate even though, without Morse, the Republicans will only outnumber them 48 to 47.

Had Morse decided to vote with the Democrats, they could have seized control at best only until Richard Nixon took office Jan. 20 and was in position to tilt the scales against them.

Morse said he felt "it would be politically unethical for me to take advantage of the closely drawn lines in the Senate by voting against the Republicans in the matter of Senate organization."

He added, however, that he would not hesitate to vote against the Republicans on specific legislative issues when I think they are wrong. He has often done so in the past.

Morse said he was perfectly willing to leave to the Senate the determination of his seniority rights and other privileges and declared he has refused to discuss his status with either Republican or Democratic senators.

### US Jets Score One-Sided Win

By ROBERT TUCKMAN  
 SEOUL (AP)—U. S. Sabre jets ran up a score of at least 23-4 over Russian-type MIG-15s in November air battles, the Fifth Air Force announced Monday.

During the same period, other Allied warplanes rained over North Korean roads and knocked out 3,633 Communist trucks laden with supplies for the front, the Air Force said.

Clouds and rain over most of North Korea sharply curtailed Allied air blows Monday.

A few fighter-bombers roared through the mist and dropped high explosives on Red positions on the Western Front.

Marine Corsairs destroyed a road bridge and four buildings in strikes just behind the Red lines near the West Coast.

Ground fighting, too, was relatively light.

A driving snow whipped across the battlefield. It was two inches deep along the Central Front at nightfall and was still falling steadily four hours later.

A small force of Chinese Reds probed the Allied line on battle-scarred Sniper Ridge just after dark.

An American officer at the front said the jab was blunted and beaten back by U. S. artillery fire.

Earlier the South Korean defenders on Sniper fought off a series of Red attacks in brief but savage close-quarter battles.

Only occasional patrol clashes were reported elsewhere.

The Air Force said the sleek same jets destroyed 23 MIGs in November, probably destroyed four and damaged 15.

Three American airmen shot down their fifth Mig and brought the number of U. S. aces in the Korean war to 23.

The Allies lost 15 planes during the month, only four in air combat.

Nine planes were shot down by Communist ground fire and three were lost to other causes, probably mechanical failures.

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