

Washington problem: One group of men in Washington is presently wrestling with a tough job. They are the Republicans who are charged with parceling out the 6,000 available invitations to the Presidential inauguration ball on January 20.

Note the statement that this group is composed of A.M.V. The job will at least give them an inkling of what their wives face every time they give a party.

Just a thought, men. Why not let your wives off on your wives? They've had a lot of experience.

It takes all kinds of people to make a world note: The man who shot his television set when he didn't like the program may have a relative in Oakland, California.

That's known generically as biting off your nose to spite your face. Quite a lot of people do it from time to time and in various ways.

I doubt it. I'm inclined to think it was that those professionals call "good politics." Taft could have been putting the new secretary of labor on notice that a tolerant broad-minded approach to the employer-employee relations problem is what is expected of him in his new job.

Flier's Note Comes True: FAIRFIELD, Calif. (AP)—A Navy jet pilot, Ensign Marvin S. Cohn of Portland, Ore., was cited for automobile speeding here Nov. 4 while awaiting shipment to Korea.

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Aides Stay Silent On Taft Break

By HELMAN MORIN: NEW YORK (AP)—President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters had no comment Wednesday on aspects and possible implications of Sen. Robert A. Taft's resignation over Eisenhower's choice of a secretary of labor.

1. The possibility that Taft's outspoken criticism of Eisenhower may have damaged the facade of harmony erected between the two great wings of the Republican party after the nominating convention.

2. Whether this may be the signal for a new struggle between the incoming President and the party's most powerful senator.

3. The effect on moves to amend the Taft-Hartley act.

Although Eisenhower headquarters was silent on these and other phases of the situation, George M. Humphrey, Cleveland businessman who has been picked for Secretary of the Treasury, told a news conference: "I hope we haven't started with a rift."

People who do things like that seldom get far in the world, because everybody recognizes that they aren't the kind you can tie to—and for responsible jobs, the kind of people who can be TIED TO are the kind that are wanted.

That brings up Senator Taft's crack about Ike's appointment of El Labor Leader Durkin to be Secretary of Labor.

Was that a blow-up? Does it portend an open split between the Taft forces and the Ike forces?

Bus Crashes; Two Killed: NELSON, B. C. (AP)—For 15 seconds Tuesday a tree growing under pressure restrained a loaded bus on the brink of a 100-foot drop.

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VIENNA, Austria, (AP)—Rudolph Slansky, former boss of the Czechoslovak Communist party, was hanged Wednesday with 10 others who once worshipped at the shrine of Joseph Stalin.

They died at Prague's Pankrac Prison—as traitors to Stalinism. Prague Radio announced the executions, carried out only six days after the 11 were sentenced to death.

This foreshadowed a possible new and even broader purge of Czechoslovak Communist ranks. Eight of those executed, including Slansky, were Jews whose wooden confessions in their trial had the appearance of a concerted attack by the Communist party on world Jewry.

Three others who were tried drew life sentences. CONFESED: Slansky with former Foreign Minister Vlado Clementis and the others confessed to a long list of crimes against Stalinism.

The included "Trotskyite, Zionist, Bourgeois-Nationalist" activities, plotting with "Anglo-American imperialists" and other actions Communism regards as treason.

Most of the purge victims had been high in Communist party councils, giving the trial the appearance of a climax of a struggle for power between Slansky and President Klement Gottwald.

But the anti-Zionist tone of the proceedings indicated the purge was to spread to all the other satellite Communist countries and perhaps even to the Soviet republics inside the USSR.

Within the Soviet Union itself there were signs of a growing reign of terror, particularly in republics such as the Ukraine.

There a Soviet military court has just sentenced three high party officials to death as "enemies of the people" for embezzlement. UNUSUAL: The heavy sentence was highly unusual for this crime, rare throughout the whole USSR.

ICC Approves Rail Rate Hike: WASHINGTON (AP)—An Interstate Commerce Commission examiner Wednesday recommended approval of a 10 per cent passenger fare increase proposed by a group of Western railroads.

The increase was sought by the Southern Pacific System, the Missouri Pacific System, and the Missouri Pacific System, and a half-dozen smaller lines operating in the West.

The projected increase would raise basic coach fares from 2.5 cents to 2.75 cents a mile and raise the sleeping and parlor car rates from 3.5 to 3.85 cents a mile.

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Klamath Lease Land for Homesteads Or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

By WALLACE MYERS: Should 20-odd thousand acres of rich Klamath County crop land be converted to privately owned homesteads or should it be turned over to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

That was the big question last night on one of the most informative Build the Basin radio forums yet heard in the weekly public service program presented by the Herald and News and its radio outlet, KFLW.

The land in question is practically all that part of the Bureau of Reclamation's Klamath Project which has not already been homesteaded. This non-homesteaded land has for the past several years been leased for farming in plots averaging 80 acres each.

The Reclamation Bureau's aim has been to lease the land until it can be made safe for homesteading through additional flood control work.

Now, the lessees have been notified that the 152 leases covering most of the crop land will not be renewed when they expire Dec. 31. The government says three possible courses are being considered: turn "all or part" of the land over to Fish and Wildlife; release it as in the past; homestead "all or part" of it immediately.

What should be done with the land? That was the general question considered by a 4-member panel on last night's Build the Basin. The four panelists were: Charles Wainstead, engineer in charge of construction on the bureau's Klamath Project; John Cross, World War Two veteran who has been notified his lease on a

plot of the land in question will not be renewed; Tom Horn, manager of Fish and Wildlife's Tulelake Game Refuge; and Charlie Henderson, Klamath County farm agent.

Question of whether to continue the leasing policy or convert "all or part" of the land to homesteads now was secondary on last night's program. That question had to do only with when the land would pass into private ownership as homesteaded.

The big question was should the land ever become privately owned or should it remain government land controlled by Fish and Wildlife? Tom Horn, the Fish and Wildlife representative, argued stoutly that the country's best interest would be served by handing the land over to Fish and Wildlife. He said that as stoutly opposed by Henderson, Cross and Wainstead who thought the land should be homesteaded as privately owned farms.

Horn said that if Fish and Wildlife did get control of the land, it would probably continue to be leased under the same lease plan used by the Reclamation Bureau.

Persons opposed to having the land remain government owned thus non-taxable by counties in which it lies, have made capital of the argument that the counties needed the revenue they would get from the land under private ownership.

Horn answered that point by saying one plan under which Fish and Wildlife might handle the land would give the counties more revenue than they would derive from

private land taxation. He said this plan would return the counties "about \$12 an acre" from all land leased by Fish and Wildlife. Under present taxing levels, he said, the counties would realize a maximum of "about \$9.20" an acre.

Other panelists answered that waterfowl appeared to be doing all right under the present setup and that they thought benefits of private ownership would far outweigh any new gains for birds.

Listeners who phoned in questions raised the point that sportsmen might have access to more hunting land under public than under private ownership. Cross and Henderson said they did not think there would be an appreciable curtailment of hunting areas by private landowners.

Should "all or part" of the lease land be homesteaded immediately? The Reclamation Bureau holds that the land should not be homesteaded until flood control is completed. The bureau maintains that the land is still subject to flooding in unusually wet seasons.

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Dulles Starts Study Of State Department

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER: WASHINGTON (AP)—John Foster Dulles, who will be the next secretary of state, declared at the State Department Wednesday that "loyal servants of our government have nothing to fear from the Eisenhower administration."

He specifically promised that the foreign service will be "protected as a non-partisan career group."

Foreign service officers are the professional diplomats who represent the United States abroad.

At the same time Dulles asserted that "many angles... Need to be looked into and will be looked into very thoroughly." He did not amplify this point.

Dulles conferred with Secretary of State Dean Acheson for 30 minutes, was photographed with Acheson and by himself, talked briefly with reporters and then went to the Pentagon building to confer with Secretary of Defense Louis FAB EAST.

He said that otherwise Wednesday he would see Assistant Secretary of State John Allison, who recently returned from a tour of the Far East, and would dine Wednesday night with Undersecretary of State David Bruce.

From Bruce, he intimated, he expects to receive five books describing U. S. foreign policy, how it is made and how it operates, as well as current, urgent problems over the world and plans for dealing with them.

The visit was Dulles' first to the State Department since the political campaigns during which he bitterly criticized Acheson policies. It was also the first occasion on which a prospective Republican official has offered what amounted to a promise of job protection for "loyal servants" of the government in the department which the Republicans have assailed most strenuously and continuously.

Among the critics, Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.), has charged—and the Truman administration has denied—that there were Communists in the department. His conversation with Acheson, Dulles said, was concerned with "the problems of transition which will be involved in the incoming of the Eisenhower administration."

He said Acheson had additionally mentioned to him the action in the United Nations on Korea. A U. N. General Assembly committee Tuesday voted down a Russian plan for dealing with truce negotiations.

Dulles was asked whether he planned to go to Paris with Acheson for a meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Council Dec. 15. He said that had not been discussed.

Dulles is one of the latest of President-elect Eisenhower's Cabinet selections to set up working parties.

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Casualties Top 127,000: WASHINGTON (AP)—Announced U. S. battle casualties in Korea reached 127,352 Wednesday, an increase of 386 since last week.

U.S. Taking Action On Red Threat

By The Associated Press: Persons accused of being Communists or Red sympathizers were the targets of legal action on several fronts Tuesday.

In Washington, Atty-Gen McGranery ordered a grand jury investigation of Owen Lattimore, Johns Hopkins University professor and one-time consultant to the State Department.

The proceedings will be concerned with whether Lattimore told the truth when he testified during a Senate internal subcommittee probe of Far East policy last spring.

Lattimore has termed "fantastic" the subcommittee report accusing him of perjury.

Lattimore has been accused by Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.), of having been a Soviet espionage agent.

The professor has vehemently denied ever having anything to do with Communism.

McCarthy told reporters he assumed the Justice Department would follow up its grand jury investigation of Lattimore with similar action against career diplomat John P. Davies Jr.

Davies, formerly on the State Department policy planning staff, now is deputy political adviser to U. S. occupation authorities in West Germany.

The subcommittee contends Davies' 100, testified falsely, which Davies denies.

The subcommittee, at another session in New York Tuesday, heard Irving P. Schiller testify that he is not a Communist.

But Schiller, archives of the United Nations' European headquarters in Geneva, refused to say whether he had ever been a Communist party member.

ARMED FORCES: Before joining the U. N., Schiller served in the U. S. Army and as a civilian employee of the U. S. Navy.

The Army lodged formal charges against First Lt. Sheppard Carl Thierman, 30-year-old Army doctor who refused to tell the subcommittee whether he was a Communist.

An Army spokesman said the charge was made under a military code section dealing with fraudulent enlistment, appointment or separation.

He said an investigation will decide whether the charges will be referred to a general court martial. A New York federal grand jury said "an overwhelmingly large group of disloyal United States citizens" has seeped into the U. N. as part of a "definite, planned pattern."

Jurors urged that, when their terms expire, a new jury be impaneled to carry on their investigation of alleged subversion and espionage.

Lumber Work Declines Here

Logging and lumber employment has dropped off about seven per cent during the past month, and agricultural employment has stabilized at permanent helpers and maintenance men, according to a report released today by Klamath Employment Office Mgr. Guy Barker.

However, Barker said, retail trade and service employment continued into this month at a peak level, and with Christmas rush due probably will remain high until after the first of the year.

Crews Seek Missing C-47

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP)—Air search parties took off again at dawn Wednesday to resume search for an Air Force transport believed to have crashed Monday night in the San Bernardino mountains with 13 men aboard.

The twin-engine C-47 vanished during a blizzard while ferrying personnel from its home base, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Neb., to March Air Force Base near here.

Searchers concentrated Tuesday in the snow-covered 8,000 foot level near Big Bear lake, where a sheriff's deputy reported sighting a fire Monday night.

At Omaha, Strategic Air Command officials disclosed the names of three crew members and one passenger: Capt. George F. Bingham, pilot, of Omaha; First Lt. Robert E. Germer, co-pilot, Plattsmouth, Neb.; M. Sgt. Ronald O. Rominger, engineer, Omaha and Chief Warrant Officer Raymond H. Ward, passenger, on official bulletin at Omaha.

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The airline, announcing the proposed schedule change Wednesday, also reported an evening flight from Idaho Falls to Spokane went into effect the first of this week.

On direct service between Pendleton, Ore., and Pasco-Kennewick-Richland, Wash., West Coast will continue to bypass Walla Walla through the month of January. Authority was granted by the Civil Aeronautics Board Tuesday.

West Coast said it was unable to modify its planes and to "complete integration of its two pilot groups" to meet the Dec. 1 deadline for serving Walla Walla. West Coast and Empire Air Lines, which served Idaho and Eastern Washington and Oregon, recently merged.

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Labor Dispute Ends Company

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Dimling Candy Co. went out of business Wednesday after 77 years because of a labor dispute.

President Herbert Dimling dismissed 130 employees and said the company is being liquidated.

He declared his action was prompted by stalled negotiations with local 12 of the AFL Bakery and Confectionery Workers, Employees at the firm's factory and 11 retail stores in the Pittsburgh district had been on strike since Nov. 11.

The union rejected a company offer to end the walkout Monday. Terms and present pay scales were not disclosed. The union did not reveal its demands.

Said Dimling: "These guys (the union) just made it too tough for me. I'm not going to put up with it another minute."

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KUHS FRESHMEN Richard Peterson (left), 1021 Mitchell Street, and Bob Barnes (right), 1428 Summers Lane, make today's special.

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Blada happened to light a match in his hallway—that cleared up the mystery. Firemen said he touched off an accumulation of sewer fumes or stove gas.

The explosion shattered the walls of Blada's house and blew out plate glass windows in a building next door.

Blada was burned, but not seriously.

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