

Bridges Looms as Favorite For Senate Floor Leadership

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Bridges (R-NH) appeared today to have an increasingly good chance to become Republican floor leader and appropriations committee chairman in the new GOP senate.

This was pictured by a key Republican source as the likely outcome of the behind-the-scenes tussle now going on over the top jobs to be parcelled out when the Republicans take over control of the Senate Jan. 3.

This source, who specified that he not be named, told newsmen Bridges was under pressure from Republican senators to take the floor leadership in a move to avoid starting the new administration off with a first-class row.

These senators are willing for the New Hampshire senator also to have the coveted appropriations post to avoid a fight, this man said. It is unusual for one senator

to hold two jobs of such importance.

Bridges returned to Washington yesterday after a vacation and told reporters he had no comment. He said his position was just about the same as before he left town—that he was not after the leadership post and would take it only to avoid an intraparty battle.

The whole thing will be threshed out at an informal meeting over the week end when several influential senators will be in town to attend the Gridiron Club Dinner Saturday night.

The indications are that, if Bridges becomes leader, Taft will remain as chairman of the Republican Senate Policy Committee and will again be chairman of the Conference of All GOP Senators. These are the party's "big three" Senate jobs.

Sen. Hugh Butler (R-Neb) is a strong possibility, in that event, for the largely honorary post of president pro tem of the Senate, the presiding officer when the vice president is absent.



STILL WORKING. Dr. Henry Pilsbry (above), 90, an expert on snails, clams, oysters and other mollusks at the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences claims he "still has 10 to 15 years work in front of him now." He joined the Academy staff in 1887. After occupation of Japan Emperor Hirohito, rated a "good mollusk man" by world scientists, sent Pilsbry a copy of his book on main shells.

South's Reaction to Segregation End Major Talking Point in Court Hearing

WASHINGTON (AP)—Southern reaction to a possible Supreme Court order ending racial segregation in public schools has become a major point of dispute in Supreme Court arguments on the constitutionality of separate schools for white and Negro students.

The Supreme Court, due to wind up three days of arguments today, heard conflicting views yesterday in cases involving separate school systems in South Carolina and Virginia.

Still to be argued today were cases involving Delaware and the District of Columbia. The latter case was taken up late yesterday.

Arguments involving a Kansas case also have been completed.

The high court ruling, which may come next spring, will affect not only the five areas whose cases are being argued, but 17 states in all which require completely or partly separate school systems for white and Negro children, and four more where segregation is permitted.

J. Lindsay Almond, Virginia's attorney general, told the court yesterday he believed a decision

outlawing separate schools for the two races would "destroy the public school system in Virginia as we know it today."

Earlier, John W. Davis, arguing for South Carolina's separate school system, said abolition of segregation in that state "is something that we cannot contemplate with entire equanimity."

Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), said he did not believe the people of South Carolina are "lawless."

"I believe," the Negro attorney told the court, "the rank and file of the people in the South will observe whatever decision is handed down."

The white-haired, 70-year-old Davis, who was Democratic nominee for president in 1924, argued there is no reason for the court to overturn an 1896 decision which laid down the "separate but equal" doctrine.

T. Justin Moore, who argued for Virginia along with Almond, and other attorneys representing states involved in the litigation, also

stressed heavily that 1896 doctrine, which holds that dual school systems are constitutional if they are equal.

But Marshall and attorneys on the opposing side insisted with equal vigor that the Constitution does not permit states to impose segregation in public schools. They rely chiefly on the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment, and contend there can be no equal-

ity as long as there is segregation. Davis argued it was inconceivable that Congress, in submitting the 14th Amendment to the states for ratification, intended it to outlaw racial segregation in public schools.

Moore and Spotswood Robinson III, who opposed him, disagreed not only on the constitutional question of segregation, but on whether Virginia's school program will bring Negroes up to an even footing with Whites.

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Leah Reigns As Rose Boss

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—It's her Majesty, Queen Leah, of the 64th annual Tournament of Roses parade.

Leah Peiland, 17-year-old Muir College art student, a dimpled brunette, was chosen from 2,500 girls to reign over the floral parade and Rose Bowl and their accompanying festivities. Her choice was announced Wednesday.

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