

# Patterson Retains McKay Men, Policies

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.  
SALEM (AP) — Oregon has a new man at the helm but as far as policies are concerned, you will hardly notice the difference.

Gov. Paul L. Patterson, the Senate President who took over Wednesday from Gov. Douglas McKay, said he'll follow McKay's policies, and will retain McKay's appointees.

Patterson and McKay, close friends, are alike in their political philosophy. Both consider themselves middle-of-the-roaders, with leanings toward the conservative side.

"The people elected Gov. McKay," Patterson said, "and his policies should be carried out. The transition from his administration to mine will be an easy one. I have no specific information that any specific things need to be changed."

"But that does not mean I'll be a rubber stamp."

Patterson, who proved in the Legislature that he's a hard-working lawyer who investigates everything thoroughly before he makes up his mind, added:

"I feel that Gov. McKay surrounded himself with a sound administration, and I intend to keep it."

Gov. Patterson's immediate task is to prepare a message to be delivered to the Legislature on Jan. 12.

"I don't have any idea yet as to what I'll recommend," he said. "I'm going to read over all of the

annual and biennial reports of state departments, and I'll have no ideas before I get the facts in those reports. I'll have to find out the condition of our ships before I know what I'll recommend."

He said he's going to be careful not to go over the heads of his boards and commissions because "an executive can work only through the boards. A governor who goes over the heads of his boards will destroy those boards."

While the job was thrust on him suddenly, Patterson takes over fully confident. He has the best background of any governor in years because of his long legislative experience. He had great influence in the Senate in shaping the state's laws, so he already knows what state government is all about.

"Since it was announced that I was to be the new governor, people have been so kind and flattering to me that I can't help but feel I can do a good job. And I'm going to ask those people to help, too," he asserted.

"It's a terrific job and there will be much hard work, but I'm happy at the opportunity to serve. I'm going to follow the program that the people have approved so I'll be able to be of service to them."

Patterson hasn't decided if he'll run for governor in two years. He said "I haven't had time to get the feel of this job, so I don't know if I would want it for a full four-year term."

Patterson is a man who answers questions frankly and honestly. He seldom says anything is "off the record."

Patterson's two "crutches," as he calls them will be Ed Armstrong, who has been McKay's administrative assistant the past year, and

Miss Leolyn Barnett, who will be his secretary.

McKay offered Armstrong a job in the Interior Department in

Washington, but Armstrong decided he'd rather live in Oregon. So he'll have the same job under Patterson as he has had under McKay.



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## Eisenhowers Choose Church

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect and Mrs. Eisenhower have selected the National Presbyterian Church on fashionable Connecticut Avenue as their place of worship in Washington. Seven presidents have attended services there.

The church's present minister is the Rev. Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, who served with Gen. Eisenhower in the European Theater in World War II.

The church, announcing its selection by the Eisenhowers yesterday, said Dr. Elson will go to New York soon to confer with them on details of a pre-inaugural private service for members of the immediate family Jan. 20.

Presidents who have worshipped at the National Presbyterian Church are Jackson, Pierce, Polk, Cleveland, Buchanan, Grant and Benjamin Harrison. The church has long had a "President's Pew."

## HST Again Raps Ike Trip

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman, who once changed his mind about whether Dwight D. Eisenhower should succeed him, hasn't changed it about the President-elect's trip to Korea.

He said so at his news conference yesterday. He had nothing to add or take back, he said, from the remark he had made a week earlier. He had said then Eisenhower's campaign announcement he would go to Korea was demagoguery, and that Eisenhower had to go through with it.

The President had no comment on Wednesday's meeting between Eisenhower and Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who says there is a way to end the Korean War.



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