

New Hearing Ordered For Wilson Selection

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GM Stock Holdings In Question

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans abandoned efforts Saturday to get Charles E. Wilson confirmed as Secretary of Defense by Tuesday. They ordered a new hearing for him to "clarify" his views on his holdings of General Motors stock.

Chairman Saltonstall (R-Mass.) of the Senate Armed Services Committee announced after conference with top advisers of President-elect Eisenhower that Wilson had telephoned him asking for a new chance to testify. Saltonstall said that the committee would hear the proposed nominee Wednesday morning.

Eisenhower has been eager to have all his Cabinet choices confirmed by the Senate in time for them to take the oath of office Tuesday Inauguration Day.

UNDER FIRE

Wilson's prospective appointment has been under bipartisan fire because the cabinet member-designate told the Armed Services group earlier in the week he intends to retain his 2 1/2 million dollar stockholdings in General Motors, largest military contractor with the government. Wilson headed GM before he was tapped for the defense post.

Saltonstall told reporters he already had recommended that no effort be made to confirm Wilson Tuesday when nominations for other Cabinet jobs are expected to be brought before the Senate for action. The Massachusetts senator said four other appointments in the Defense Department also will be delayed.

Saltonstall announced that Herbert Brownell Jr., chosen by Eisenhower for attorney general, had agreed at a conference with him and Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) to study legal barriers in the situation. These prohibit any government official from dealing in contracts with a company in which he held any direct or indirect financial interest.

NO CHANGE

Meanwhile Eisenhower's leadership in New York state made it clear that there was no change in the Wilson appointment status, despite bipartisan objections to Wilson's retaining his huge holdings in General Motors stock.

Two possible avenues were being explored around a legal barrier against Wilson's dealing as a federal official with the motor firm, the largest defense department contractor:

1. Possible special legislation repealing present bans.
2. Interpretation of the spirit of the law to show it wasn't meant to apply to cabinet officers.

In New York Saturday, Wilson spent about two hours at Eisenhower's headquarters, but declined to say whether he had conferred with the general.

When he left, a reporter asked whether he had seen Eisenhower. "What difference would that make?" Wilson asked.

Asked then whether he would stay on for a moment to talk to newsmen, he shook his head and said:

"I can't. I'll talk to you some day."

In New York Eisenhower's press secretary, James C. Hagerty, said he had no comment on the situation or on speculation that Wilson's name might be withdrawn. He said Wilson was in Eisenhower's headquarters Friday but did not talk to the President-elect.

Chairman Saltonstall (R-Mass.) of the Armed Services Committee, which put off further action on the proposed Wilson appointment until Monday, told reporters he wants to discuss the matter with Eisenhower, Herbert Brownell Jr. and

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CAB Examiner Calls For KF-Medford Air Service

Regular airline service between Klamath Falls and Medford, to be furnished by United Air Lines, is the recommendation made by a Civil Aeronautics Board examiner, Barron Fredricks, the examiner, made the recommendation in an "initial decision" which will become final in 10 days unless exceptions are filed.

The decision also recommended that West Coast Airlines, of Seattle, and Southwest Airways, of South San Francisco, be denied permission to serve Klamath Falls.

The air link between Klamath Falls and Medford has been a project of the city governments and

chambers of commerce of both communities for many months.

If Fredricks' recommendation is allowed to stand, and it probably will be unless one of the forbidden air lines protests, United will schedule three daily round trips between Medford and Klamath Falls.

One would make connections for Seattle, Portland, Salem, Eugene, Sacramento, Oakland and San Francisco. Another would connect for San Francisco, Sacramento, Bend and Portland; and the third Seattle, Portland, Salem and Eugene, Fredricks said.

Medford would be served by a Convair schedule in each direction making stops at Seattle, Portland, Salem, Eugene, Oakland and San Francisco.

These schedules, Fredricks said, are limited so that a Klamath Falls passenger could, in one day, complete a round trip to Seattle or points between.

United is now permitted to serve both Klamath Falls and Medford, but has not been allowed to operate between the two cities, about 20 minutes flying time.

Medford is the northern terminal of Southwest, and the southern terminal for West Coast. Neither line comes into Klamath Falls.

Fredricks said that all three air lines had applied for a permit to connect Klamath Falls and Medford, but that United's proposal will impose no cost to the government, will provide maximum public service and must be preferred to the proposals of West Coast or Southwest.

Trial Set For Etna Teacher

YREKA—Miriam Zumwalt, 39-year-old operator of a small boarding school at nearby Etna, pleaded not guilty in Superior Court here yesterday to charges of felonious assault on three of her students.

Superior Judge James M. Allen set Miss Zumwalt's trial for Feb. 17, 10 a.m.

The spinster school marm is accused of beating Gary Don Glover, 9, Grants Pass, Floyd Brewer, 9, Dorris, and Bobby Grant, 8, Hornbrook. The children were treated at Siskiyou General Hospital for malnutrition and severe bruises about the back legs and genitals.

Miss Zumwalt was arrested in late December after authorities found the Glover boy tied to his bed at the boarding school. The investigation was made at the request of Dist. Atty. Floyd Merrill who had visited the school and said he "didn't like the way things looked."

Merrill said soon after Miss Zumwalt's arrest she had admitted whipping the Glover boy with a wooden coat hanger because he got out of bed and raided the ice box.

Miss Zumwalt was freed on \$1,000 bail after her arrest.

The two, Otto Verber, 31, and Kurt Ponger, 39, appeared briefly in U. S. District Court yesterday but were given time to study the indictments against them and engage lawyers before making their pleas. They were taken back to jail. Bail was set at \$50,000 each.

Kurt V. Novikov, second secretary at the Russian Embassy here and alleged director of the spy ring, is under orders to leave the country.

In Vienna, where Verber and Ponger were arrested Wednesday, U. S. agents questioned at least three other Americans. Two of them were identified as Walter Lauber, a student, and Ernest Tishowitz, 40, a German-born veteran of the U. S. army intelligence service. The third was not identified.

Lauber's Austrian-born wife was reported to have fled to Russian-controlled territory. American officials in Vienna emphasized that no charges have been made against Tishowitz.

An extensive roundup and investigation was reported under way in the Austrian capital.

Ellsworth Seeks Indian Studies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.) asked Friday that a House investigation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs be continued, and its scope enlarged to include a study of Bureau operations in Washington State.

The Washington phase of the probe, begun last year, was requested by Rep. Westland (R-Wash.). Westland's executive assistant, Jim Cunningham, said the Everett congressman felt the House subcommittee should look into "an accumulation of complaints we have received from individual Indians in the state."

The investigators already have been asked to check on Oregon timber transactions which brought about the dismissal of two Indian Bureau employees, and to determine how far the Bureau has gone in reaching its avowed objective of freeing the Indians from government supervision.

LOSE A WATCH?

NEW YORK (AP) — If the owner of a \$100 gold watch and a pair of kidskin gloves will call at the Liberty Avenue police station, he can have them. But the police expect no claimants. They were dropped by two armed gunmen who tried to rob Irving Goldman, a jeweler, in his store. Goldman charged the two and put them to rout.

Air Action Flares Over Korea Skies

SEOUL, (AP) — Two U. S. Sabre jet pilots fought a twisting, running air duel with eight Communist MIG jets today and said they shot down one.

The Sabres picked the fight. They jumped the eight MIGs at 45,000 feet over Northwest Korea.

Capt. Vincent E. Stacy of Crystal Falls, Mich., was credited with the kill. He now has a score of 1 MIG shot down, 1 probably destroyed and 1 damaged.

In Tokyo, the Air Forces disclosed two B29 Superforts were shot down by Red night fighters during the week and that 13 MIGs were destroyed as against no Sabres.

TWIN JET

Australian twin-jet Meteors roared out in the morning hours against Communist supply vehicles. A low overcast held down the number of flights but the Aussies reported at least five trucks destroyed.

The Fifth Air Force said its Sabre sharpshooters downed 13 MIGs in the week ended yesterday without losing a single plane in air combat. But Communist ground gunners shot down five Allied warplanes, the Fifth said, and three planes were lost to other causes, presumably mechanical failure.

It was the third straight week that the speedy Sabres emerged unscathed from MIG battles.

During the week's heavy raids, the vital network of road and rail bridges north of Sinanju took a terrible pounding. Allied planes blanketed all of North Korea, destroyed six bridges and knocked gaping holes in 23 more, the Fifth said.

SUPERFORTS

B29 Superforts last night rained 90 tons of bombs on two enemy supply areas near Chasan, north of Pyongyang.

Ground action flared across the frigid battlefield last night and early today, the Eighth Army reported. Temperatures fell below zero all along the line.

Communist troops assaulted Pinpoint Hill, Rocky Point and Finger Ridge on the East-Central Front. In the west, the Chinese threw about 90 men in a brief assault on a hill in the Little Nori sector.

All the Red probes were driven back, the Eighth Army said.

An Eighth Army staff officer said 1,781 Reds were killed, wounded or captured during the week ended Jan. 14.

Burglar Gets Twenty Years

Milford Marion Musser, 37-year-old ex-convict who burglarized the office of Peyton and Company Jan. 2, was sentenced yesterday to 20 years in the Oregon State Prison.

He earlier had waived grand jury indictment and pleaded guilty to the charge of forgery by endorsement, which regarded a check stolen from the company office.

The 20-year term is the maximum for the crime charged.

Musser's prior criminal record includes at least four felony convictions, in Arizona and California, for car theft, jail break, burglary and armed robbery. He has served prison sentences in Arizona and in both San Quentin and Folsom in California.

Musser admitted the burglary when he was caught, just a few hours after the Peyton office was entered. A company check, made out to A. H. Stewart for \$132.28, was endorsed by Musser, using Stewart's name, and cashed at the Waldorf.

One other filled-out check, two blank checks, a check protector and some \$20 in cash also were taken in the burglary.

Musser was sentenced by Judge David R. Vandenberg.

Also in Circuit Court yesterday afternoon was Thomas Harold Rupe, 33, of Merrill, who more than a year ago was placed on probation after pleading guilty to a charge of larceny.

District Attorney Frank Alderson, on the recommendation of Parole Officer Paul Morgan, asked that Rupe's probationary sentence be revoked on grounds that he failed to obey all city, state and federal laws, that he failed to repay for guns stolen from the home of a relative, and that he has been openly living with a married woman not his wife.

These charges Rupe admitted.

Judge Vandenberg ordered him kept in custody for further consideration of his case.



HOW THE REDS DO IT — Huang Chin-chi, bound and guarded, kneels before a "people's tribunal" in improvised outdoor court at Fukang, China (top). His crime — ownership of two-thirds of an acre of land. The trial was documented by the Communists' own photographer, and the photos were smuggled out of China. Rifleman (lower) prepares to carry out the sentence. Immediately after the "trial" Huang paid for his "crime" by being shot through his back. Trial was one of many conducted by Chinese Reds in land reform movements.

Flu, Storms Strike Texas

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — A damaging sleet storm and bitter cold spread in Texas today and coupled with record incidence of influenza to bring the state to a standstill.

Little relief from the ice was expected before tomorrow as the cold edged southward and threatened the lush Rio Grande Valley's citrus and vegetable crops.

State Health Department authorities warned estimated hundreds of thousands of Texans stricken with influenza to stay indoors to avoid pneumonia. The State Highway Department said roads and highways over a large portion of the state were dangerously glazed with ice and sleet.

An upsurge of traffic accidents, most of them minor, were reported by police, but few persons had been seriously injured. Exceptions were three widely separated skid accidents that killed a man near Texarkana, a woman near San Antonio and a second woman near Longview.

Dallas police reported 85 motor vehicle accidents in the county during the day that totaled heavy property damage but accounted for few serious injuries.

About 100 schools were closed Friday, either by the most serious incidence of flu since the 1917-18 epidemic, by the sleet-and-ice storm, or by both. Some of the schools had been closed several days because of high absenteeism due to the mild form of influenza.

The Panhandle, the South Plains, and Far West Texas escaped the sleet and snow yesterday. South Texas and the citrus belt and truck garden areas along the Rio Grande were expected to get the brunt of the cold today with scattered frost posing a threat to large acreages of lettuce and small vegetables.

Airlines said they expected to "be back on routine" today but said flights were being delayed for de-icing and some were canceled by bad weather yesterday.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Mostly cloudy through Sunday. Occasional rain, mixed with snow to night. A few showers Sunday. Low tonight 34, high tomorrow 37.

High temp yesterday 39

Low last night 31

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Yo-Yo Trader Makes Killing

GUATEMALA, Guatemala (AP) — A enterprising Yankee trader has peddled 60,000 yo-yos here the past two weeks, creating a national craze.

Representing a U.S. manufacturer and billing himself as the world yo-yo champion, the trader started demonstrating the string-and-spool gadgets around town. Now the streets are full of imitators.

The trader was identified as Harry Norris.

Fire Levels Old Mill Site

Fire this morning leveled the Ellingson mill, 18 miles west of Klamath Falls on Oregon 66, leaving only one shed still standing early this afternoon.

Flames were still burning in the debris of the blaze which apparently started at about 7 o'clock this morning. Machinery was in some of the buildings.

The mill has not been operating for several years.

Origin of the fire was not apparently determined by noon today, and officials of the company could not be located to estimate the losses suffered.

The mill was known for many years as McCollum's Mill, and lies on the East bank of the Klamath River near the Klamath River store. It was built in the early 1920's by George McCollum, and the Ellingson Lumber Co. purchased it in the early 1930's.

A county fire rig and a pumper from Putnam Logging Co. arrived on the scene at the fire too late to save the buildings. Some dismantling of equipment in the mill had been done earlier, though eyewitness accounts said there was considerable equipment remaining.

Death Claims Tilda Lotches

Tilda Lotches, one of the oldest and best known Indians on the Klamath Reservation, died at 10:35 a.m. today in Hillside Hospital.

She had been a patient at the hospital since Jan. 12.

Mrs. Lotches was 80 years old and years ago was prominent in tribal affairs. She lived at Chilquin.

The body was taken to Ward's Funeral Home.

20-30 Clubs Register

Registration of delegates to the Northwest District Convention of 20-30 Clubs was begun at the Willard Hotel this morning, with more than 100 outsiders expected here by the time full-scale sessions get underway this afternoon and this evening.

Early activities began last night by the host Klamath Twenty-Thirtians.

Tom Milne, Klamath Falls, a past district governor of 20-30 is to be the featured speaker at a banquet scheduled for tonight at the Willard. A dance, with music by Pete Colley, is to follow.

During the evening competition in skits and quartets from each club in the district, including Tulalake, Salem, Medford, Vancouver, Wash., Portland and Salem.

Fred Hadlock, new Klamath club president, has been head of the preparations of the host Klamath club for the confab. Tulalake is a co-host in the affair.

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