

Approval Seen For Wilson Appointment

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GM Holdings Slated To Be Released

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WILSON OKAYED
WASHINGTON, (AP) — Charles E. Wilson was approved for the post of secretary of defense Friday by a unanimous vote of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON (AP) — Charles E. Wilson said Friday that as secretary of defense he will sell his General Motors holdings and consult with President Eisenhower on any matter that "might be the subject of misunderstanding" because of his former connection with the auto firm.

Wilson walked out of the Senate Armed Services Committee after being questioned by members for nearly three hours, and handed reporters a formal statement he said he made to the senators. Early approval of Wilson's nomination for the defense post was forecast by some senators as a result of Wilson's reversal of his previous refusal to dispose of more than 2 1/2 million dollar worth of General Motors stock.

Sens. Stennis (D-Miss.) and Margaret Chase Smith (R-Me.) told reporters the committee delayed a showdown vote on the question of recommending Senate confirmation of the appointment until later in the day.

FORECAST
Chairman Saltonstall (R-Mass.) of the committee forecast the vote would be favorable.

General Motors, formerly headed by Wilson, is the largest defense contractor and Wilson previously was quoted by senators as saying that he would not disqualify himself in government transactions with the firm.

However, a law bars any federal official from transacting business with any company in which he has an indirect interest and Wilson's testimony was aimed at meeting that situation.

Wilson said his agreement to dispose of his GM holdings included shares of stock he is to receive in the future as part of a retirement bonus. Senators have said these aggregated 1,800 shares, worth about \$64 each, in addition to a cash bonus of more than \$600,000.

Announcing that Roger M. Kyes, designated as his chief deputy, also would dispose of his GM holdings, Wilson added in his statement: "If, during my term of office I must deal with any matter of business which I may feel might be subject to misunderstanding on account of my previous relationship with General Motors, I have been assured of the privilege of discussing the matter fully with the President of the United States with reference to any action that may be taken."

The White House announced Thursday night that Wilson had volunteered to dispose of his stock. Sen. Taft of Ohio, Republican leader, said he would try for final Senate action on Wilson next Monday.

If the committee doesn't report the nomination to the Senate Friday he added, he will ask the Senate to meet Saturday to receive it. Under the rules, the nomination has to lay over a day before action can be taken.



READY FOR WORK—President Dwight Eisenhower is shown at his desk in the White House executive office as he settles down to the routine of being the nation's chief executive. The new president started with a desk relatively free of papers.

Lonely Korea Battlement Under Constant Red Fire

By FORREST EDWARDS

WESTERN FRONT, Korea (AP) — This place is a junk yard in hell. Nothing on this outpost, only 40 yards from the Chinese Reds, is whole—except the men. By dawn hours of them may not be. Seven were hit here last night.

Only the lottery of war has prevented Allied casualties today. The Chinese have spared no ammunition.

The Reds shell this 50 square yard plot of blasted bare land with an intensity unknown anywhere else on the Western Front.

A handful of American soldiers are trying to build a fortress outpost under this almost constant fire. Shells rip the trenches and

bunkers apart as fast as they are finished.

The Chinese Reds are so close you often hear the soft plop of their mortar shells as they drop into the firing tubes. It sounds like a butcher slapping a piece of steak on a chopping block.

Seconds later, an explosion shatters the little knoll with death-dealing fragments of jagged steel. If the men heard that soft plop, they are crouching in their trenches and bunkers.

So close are the Chinese that this is probably the only place on the front where 45 caliber pistols make the Reds keep their heads down.

Around a bend in the shallow trench from the main Allied line, which is 300 yards to the rear, there is a place where a man can stand erect.

Second Lt. Thomas Darnell, Covington, Calif., is standing there. His automatic pistol keeps up a slow and steady bark, its muzzle jumping about two inches with every shot. Forty yards away little puffs of dirt kick up at the top of a Communist trench.

"We are so close that a rifle is next to useless here," Darnell explains.

An exploding mortar shell kicks bits of rock and sand into the trench. Fifteen yards farther down the trench, PFC Ray Wise, Evansville, Ind., roars his disapproval. The mortar explosion has rattled the bones of ammunition for his machine gun. He sits down and methodically goes through the belt of ammunition, replacing the beat up and punctured rounds with new cartridges.

"Happens constantly," he complains. "We get in a fresh supply

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Sabres Blast Commie Jets

By JACK BELL

SEOUL (AP) — Allied Sabre jets damaged four Communist MIG-15s and destroyed seven in clear skies over Northwest Korea today, the U. S. Fifth Air Force reported.

It brought to 15 the number of Sabre-built jets knocked down in the air. At least 12 have been destroyed since the start of the war.

One Red jet was destroyed Tuesday before it could launch a large scale air battle. The Air Force earlier had reported three MIGs destroyed Friday but a study of gun camera films showed that another went down.

Capt. Dolphin P. Overton, III, of Andrews, S. C., was credited with bagging his fourth MIG in three days—the hottest record in the current series of dogfights.

The Sabres were up at daybreak to shield Allied fighter-bombers striking farther south at Communist supply lines and battlefront positions.

Fighter-bomber pilots reported destroying 90 Communist vehicles, including a locomotive and 10 tanks. In the night 14 U. S. fighters cascaded bombs on a railroad yard at Yangdok astride the Red's east-west supply route across the narrow, 90-mile waist of North Korea.

Grasshoppering South Korean troops charged up to the crest of the Mori Hill on the Western Front today and blasted Chinese positions for one hour and 20 minutes without withdrawal.

An Eighth Army spokesman said the Republic of Korea infantrymen killed at least 85 Reds in the furthest hit-run raid.

The action was among several Allied attacks on Communist positions on the Western and Eastern Fronts.

Morse Blocks Stassen Job

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore) Friday blocked Senate confirmation of Harold E. Stassen as head of the Mutual Security Agency.

He said he was acting to prevent the Senate confirmation of Stassen's nomination because the nomination went to the Senate floor the same day it was approved in committee.

Under Senate rules, action on nominations cannot be taken on the same day they are reported by committees except by unanimous consent.

Stassen's appointment was approved by the Foreign Relations Committee earlier Friday. So was President Eisenhower's nomination of former Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge to be U. S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Morse said he would not object on Lodge's nomination since all members of the Senate were "fully familiar" with the record of their former colleague.

But he said he objected to consideration of Stassen's nomination at this time on the ground that the case provided a good example of the importance of applying the Senate rule.

Lake Aliens Defy Draft

LAKEVIEW, Ore. (AP) — The Lake County Draft Board reported Friday that eight aliens, who have claimed exemption from military service, now are refusing to sign statements on the issue.

The board said national draft headquarters had directed that the aliens be informed their refusal to serve in the armed forces meant that they were forfeiting any right to U. S. citizenship. The headquarters said the aliens should sign statements, admitting they understood the situation.

The aliens have claimed exemption through treaties that allow them to refuse military service in the foreign country where they reside.

The board said the eight who have refused to serve were called before the board Thursday, but refused to sign the statements. The matter now is being referred to state draft headquarters. Chairman Forrest E. Cooper said.

The chairman also said that of 22 or 23 aliens called up in Lake County, these eight are the only ones who have refused to serve.

Legislature Mulls State Road Works

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP) — Continuation of the Oregon Highway Commission's emergency road building program got top billing in the Oregon Legislature Friday.

The House and Senate Highway Committees began work on the commission's request for permission to issue another 32 million dollars worth of bonds to complete the job of taking care of emergency road needs.

The program runs for five years. The 1951 Legislature authorized 40 million of bonds to take care of the first three years, and the highway commission asks for the other 32 millions to finish it up.

The highway committees met with the commission Friday for a look into the whole program. However, there doesn't seem to be much opposition to letting the commission sell the bonds.

The Legislature wound up its second week of work Friday, planning to take Saturday and Sunday off.

PEDESTRIAN

The bill to make motorists stop after hitting pedestrians was reported out favorably by the Senate Highway Committee.

This measure, by Rep. Francis Ziegler, Corvallis, closes up a loophole in the hit and run laws. Motorists now have to stop after hitting other cars and after hitting dogs, but not when they injure or kill a pedestrian.

The committee also approved a bill to limit the top speed of school buses to 45 miles an hour. Their speed limit now is 55 miles an hour, the same as for passenger cars.

The committee decided to introduce two bills submitted by the log truckers. They would let the state, counties and cities waive the maximum load limits on specified roads; and relieve the secretary of state from enforcing the safety laws on trucks. These laws are enforced by the Industrial Accident Commission.

MILK CONTROL

Agricultural legislation, including milk control, will come to the front next Tuesday when the House and Senate Agricultural Committees meet with the State Board of Agriculture.

The first round in the usual scrap between employers and labor over unemployment compensation legislation opened when Sen. Phil Brady, Portland, introduced a bill to repeal the seasonality clause.

Under the seasonality clause, employees in seasonal industries don't get jobless benefits during that period of the year when their employers normally are shut down.

Both houses met in joint session Thursday afternoon to hear the legislative financial experts give a briefing on state finances.

These experts said the Legislature would have a balanced budget without new taxes, but they warned that trouble could come in the next two years if income tax receipts declined or if the federal government reduced grants to the states.



W. W. PATTERSON

Patterson Tops KF Merchants

W. W. Patterson of Patterson Furniture Company was elected president of the Klamath Merchants Association for the year 1953 at the annual dinner meeting at the Pelican Cafe last night.

Patterson has served as budget director during the past year. He succeeds Frank Drew, who has been active in the association in various capacities and served as the 1952 president.

Erle Hamilton of Marvin's was elected vice president. Walt Kennett, manager of Miller's Department Store, was elected budget director, and Ron Van Orman of Van Orman's Shoe Store was elected finance chairman.



LEWIS E. HAUGH, 3905 Boardman, couldn't resist the balmy weather yesterday. Asked by the photographer if he was catching any fish, Haugh answered "No, and I don't give a hoot if I don't." In other words, Haugh just wanted the comfort of springlike fishing in January.

Lessees May Lose Rights

Thirty-six former holders of leases on Klamath Project crop land may not get a chance to negotiate new leases this year. Notices were being mailed today to 116 former lessees informing them they could negotiate for new leases.

The land was leased last year in plots averaging 80 acres to 152 persons. It was leased on a veteran's preference basis with the stipulation that lessees participate to a reasonable extent in actual farming of the land.

Early last fall, several of the leases were checked by the Bureau of Reclamation and 30 leases were canceled on grounds that the lessees were not participating sufficiently in use of the land. Those 30 persons may not be invited to negotiate for new leases and there are six of last year's lessees who were not veterans, according to E. Layton Stephens, Klamath Project manager. Stephens says status of these 36 leases has not yet been decided.

Approximately 19,000 acres are to be leased. Former Interior Secy. Oscar Chapman decreed a few days before he was succeeded by Douglas McKay that 6,700 of the acres would be homesteaded after this year and that the rest of the land, together with 2,314 acres now leased to Tulana Farms, would be turned over to the Fish and Wildlife Service Jan. 1, 1954.

Fish and Wildlife is to continue leasing the non-homesteaded land much the same as the Reclamation Bureau is now doing.

Study Urged For USBR Deals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new Congress is being urged to revoke the authorizations of all reclamation projects on which construction has not been started.

Sponsor of the proposal is Rep. Saylor (R-Pa.), a member of the House Interior Committee.

Saylor told a reporter he wants Congress to take a complete new look at all projects authorized by Congress or by the secretary of interior, and all units of projects for which no construction funds have been appropriated.

His proposal would cancel such big projects as the \$20 million dollar Trinity River diversion and the \$4-million dollar Sacramento Valley Canal projects in California.

Saylor said he plans to introduce another bill to make it a criminal offense to award contracts for work costing more than the total amount authorized for any project. This legislation, he said, would apply to projects of the Army Engineers as well as the Reclamation Bureau.

Saylor said his second bill resulted from last year's experience with the Eklutna power project in Alaska. The Reclamation Bureau, he said, awarded contracts in excess of the 20-million dollar project authorization. Legislation is now pending to increase the authorization to 35 million dollars.

Many projects authorized a few years ago cannot now be constructed for the amounts of money estimated at the time of authorization, he said. In some cases, costs have doubled or tripled the original estimates.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army announced Friday that Gen. James A. Van Fleet, 8th Army commander in Korea, will be retired on March 31. He will be succeeded by Lt. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor.

Administration At A Glance

By The Associated Press
Yesterday in the Eisenhower administration:

President Eisenhower formally nominated Charles E. Wilson to be secretary of defense after the White House said, Wilson volunteered to dispose of his General Motors stock.

Secretary of Agriculture Benson took initial steps toward an announced overhauling of his department.

Secretary of State Dulles told the diplomatic service he will tolerate nothing less than "positive loyalty" to the nation's policies.

Eisenhower conferred with, among others, Secretary Dulles, Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Atty. Gen. Brownell, Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey.

Flooded Towns Have New Woe

EUREKA, Calif. (AP) — Army Engineers said floods have resulted in a critical sanitary condition in the town of Klamath, Del Norte County, and moved Thursday to correct the situation.

Tank trucks carrying 1,500 gallons of drinking water were sent to the community of 500 persons. A shipment of chemical toilets also was dispatched.

Col. Henry Walsh, here to survey the flood area, said Klamath and the Humboldt County town of Orick with about 350 people, were hardest hit. Army Engineers surveyed remote areas Thursday by helicopter, based in Eureka.

Orick still threatened by high water in Redwood Creek, remained partly flooded.

Although fair and mild weather was general in the state Thursday, the Weather Bureau at San Francisco forecast rain beginning Friday in the north and spreading southward Saturday.

Axe Looms For USDA Workers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of job-nervous Agriculture Department employees wondered Friday where and when the axe will fall in Secretary Benson's announced plan for overhauling his agency.

President Eisenhower's new farm chief made plain in announcements Thursday that he intends to cut the size of the department in an effort to economize on an agency which spends and lends more than any other civilian agency in the government.

The great bulk of the department's 58,000 full-time workers have civil service status—that is, they cannot be removed without cause or unless their type of work is done away with.

Klamath Water Group Sought

SALEM (AP) — Creation of a Klamath River Commission to work out a compact with California for distribution and use of Klamath River waters was sought, in a bill introduced Friday by six Southern Oregon legislators.

The bill would set up a five-member commission, appointed by the governor. Four would be residents of Klamath County, and the other one from Jackson County.

Any compact between the two states would have to be approved by the Legislature and the Congress.

Members of the commission would represent farming, livestock, industrial and recreational interest.

Sponsors of the bill are Reps. Henry Semon, Klamath Falls; Robert Root, Medford; E. H. Mann, Medford; Ed Geary, Klamath Falls; and Sens. Phil Hitchcock, Klamath Falls, and Ben Day, Gold Hill.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Partly cloudy through Saturday.

High Saturday 45; low Friday night 26.

High yesterday 47; low last night 23. Precip last 24 hours 0. Since Oct. 1 2.84. Normal for period 6.13. Same period last year 10.37.



TODAY'S SPECIAL features George Shelton (left) 1442 W. Ward, and Larry Hollenbeck, 4063 Shasta Way, traffic control officer at Altamont School.

9 O'clock Special

Doctor Praises War Medicine

ARMSTRONG said the percentage of wounded who die after getting medical attention runs a normal 3 1/2 per cent.

But "a remarkable number of men wounded are returned to duty—upwards of 87 per cent."

The general also noted tremendous strides in caring for combat fatigue. In World War II, he said, psychiatric cases caused the most discharges. In Korea "they are a drop in the bucket."

Armstrong reported "amazing advances" in research in the active combat theater.

"At one time," he said, "the severance of a major artery caused amputation if not loss of life."

But today, he went on, "it would appear" that these advances in research may prevent "70 per cent of the amputations of limbs previously required because of major blood vessel injury."

Armstrong said the new method involves clipping a piece of vein from a patient to link a badly severed artery. After many such operations, he said, soldiers are returned to duty although not to combat.

Armstrong described a new device for fixing compound fractures. He explained that a long "wire-medullary pin," about half as thick as a person's little finger, is driven lengthwise inside a bone and gives a complete splinting. "This treatment," he said, "can save a wounded man mobile within a matter of hours."