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...nothing to say about his intentions but he reportedly has developed a plan of action.

Taylor, 51, has been deputy chief of staff for operations and administration in Washington during most of the Korean War. He plans to leave here Monday for Tokyo, where he will be briefed by Gen. Mark Clark, Far Eastern commander in chief, before taking over Van Fleet's post.

From a discussion of the hot war in Korea Eisenhower apparently planned to turn today to talk of American psychological strategy in the cold war elsewhere.

Another conference booked at the White House was with William H. Jackson, a New York investment banker who lives in Princeton, N. J., and C. D. Jackson of New York, editor-on-leave of Fortune magazine.

An authoritative source said earlier this month that William Jackson had been asked by Eisenhower to head a planning commission to review U. S. psychological strategy in the cold war against communism.

C. D. Jackson, who served as an Eisenhower speech-writing aide during the campaign, reportedly will take part in the study.

William Jackson, 51, is a former deputy chief of the Central Intelligence Agency. He served under Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, who is serving as director of that agency as under secretary of state.

Eisenhower plans to meet Monday morning with GOP congressional leaders to fix a time for delivery of the Union message he will deliver in person at a joint House-Senate session, probably next week. The White House said the lawmakers also will discuss the contents of the message at the Monday meeting.

The GOP delegation will include Vice President Nixon; Senators Taft of Ohio, majority leader of the Senate; Knowland of California, chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee; Bridges of New Hampshire, president pro tem of the Senate; and Representatives Martin of Massachusetts, speaker of the House; Charles Halleck of Indiana, floor leader; and Leslie C. Arends of Illinois, assistant leader.

There was speculation, meanwhile, as to whether the White House would try to cloak the Eisenhower - congressional meeting with as much secrecy as it blanketed the President's first formal session with his Cabinet yesterday.

At the Cabinet meeting, members promised to say—even in general terms — what had been discussed. Nixon told reporters he had been a common understanding to maintain silence.

At his news conference later in the day, Eisenhower's press secretary, James C. Hagerty, said in reply to a question that he didn't know whether the President had ordered the Cabinet officers and others at the conference not to talk to reporters.

Couple Gets Wires Crossed

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Sgt. Luther Seldon Jr., stationed in Munich, Germany, received a 30-day furlough from the Army and decided to surprise his wife by showing up at their home here.

When he arrived home this week, the sergeant found his wife had been preparing a surprise for him, too.

But Mrs. Seldon couldn't present her surprise in person—she had already sailed for Munich to join her husband.

Senate To Debate On Wilson Post

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Republican policy committee threw its full weight Saturday behind prompt Senate confirmation of Charles E. Wilson as secretary of defense.

Sen. Knowland (R.-Calif.) chairman of the GOP strategy group, said the nomination would be pushed ahead of any other Senate matters on Monday.

Wilson's nomination was made the pending business in the Senate at a nine minute session Saturday, but debate on it was put off until Monday.

NOMINATION

There was no discussion of the nomination by Senate members before the Senate adjourned for the day.

Before them was a mass of testimony, some of it conflicting and later "clarified," built up during Wilson's two appearances at closed sessions of the armed services committee.

The committee gave its unanimous approval to the nomination yesterday after Wilson read a statement saying he will dispose of his 2½ million dollars worth of stock in General Motors, the country's biggest defense contractor.

Federal law bars a man from doing business, as a government official, with a firm in which he holds even an indirect financial interest.

DECISION

Wilson's decision to sell his stock—thus reversing a stand he took at a Jan. 15 committee hearing—seemed too late to avoid some criticism of him in the Senate.

Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore), for one, remained in a protesting mood. And Sen. Dirksen (R-Ill) told reporters a possible objection might arise over more than 10,000 General Motors shares owned by Mrs. Wilson.

Wilson offered to have his wife sell her holdings but armed services committee members indicated this was not necessary.

The Detroit industrialist wound up his testimony yesterday by saying he would personally "take the rap" for decisions involving firms in which three of four proposed assistants have stock.

He pleaded with the committee to approve the choices he said he handpicked at President Eisenhower's direction—Roger M. Kyes, to be deputy secretary; Robert T. B. Stevens, Army secretary; Harold

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California Floods Ease

EUREKA, Calif. (AP) — Receding flood waters eased concern today for the town of Orick in Northern California, an area where heavy rains have caused two million dollars damage to highways.

Until the rampaging waters of Redwood Creek started falling, they had threatened to cut a channel into a huge log pond and loose its waters on Orick. The 800 townspeople had to flee last week end as water poured in four to six feet deep.

In Sacramento, Gov. Earl Warren declared a state of emergency for the two Northern California counties of Humboldt and Del Norte, making state money and equipment available immediately for repairs.

Helicopters have been flying food and clothing to 200 marooned persons in mountain areas along the Klamath River.

THE CHARRED HULK above is all that remains of the big main building at O'Connor's feed lot on the Midland Road after flames swept through the structure early this morning.

Fight Gives More Fliers 'Ace' Rating

SEOUL (AP)—Allied Sabre jets destroyed at least four Communist MIG15 jets high over Northwest Korea today, as two new jet aces were crowned and a third pilot took over top standings in the MIG killing race.

At least two other MIGs were damaged, incomplete Fifth Air Force reports said.

Capt. Cecil G. Foster of San Antonio, Tex., bagged his eighth and ninth MIGs today to take over the top spot for flyers still active in Korea.

Capt. Dolphin D. Overton III of Andrews, S. C., riding the hottest streak in jet fighting history, bagged his fifth in four days to become Korea's 24th jet ace.

Lt. Harold E. Fisher Jr. of Swea City, Iowa, picked off a MIG for his fifth today. He is the 28th jet ace of the war.

19 KILLS

The new kills brought the Allied total to 19 in the last five days.

Overton, who became an ace today in the shortest time on record, explained modestly:

"They just happened to be in the right place."

He was flying his 149th jet mission, 100 of which were in Thunderjet fighter-bombers. He was to fly one more mission, but has been ordered home instead.

The Fifth Air Force announced that the week of Jan. 17-23 was the most successful for its Sabres since the week beginning Nov. 21. The total of destroyed MIGs was 16: probably destroyed, one; and damaged, 16.

ONE SABRE

The Communists downed only one Sabre during the past week, the Air Force said. It was the first F86 lost to the Reds since the week ending Dec. 26.

Three other U. N. planes were downed by enemy ground fire during the week ending Friday—an F80 Shooting Star, a Navy Corsair and an F9F Panther jet.

The Navy reported today that four carrier-based Banshee jets attacked a Communist training school Friday "just as classes were convening." The school, at Anbyon, south of the East Coast port of Wonsan, was heavily damaged, according to the Navy communique.

BOMBER

Late Friday and early Saturday, B29 Superfort bombers struck a lines, destroying 66 trucks, three locomotives and 10 boxcars. Ten B29 Superfortress here struck a Communist supply depot and a troop-training center near Pyongyang, the North Korean capital. Crewmen said large fires and explosions were set off.

Fifth Air Force claims for the Jan. 17-23 period include 763 vehicles, 190 buildings, two tanks, three locomotives and 10 boxcars.

Ground action today was highlighted by an Allied patrol raid against a Chinese Communist position northeast of Porkchop Hill on the West Central Front. Fifty Reds were killed or wounded in the half-hour hit-and-run assault.

An Eighth Army spokesman said the Chinese threw heavy mortar fire in defense of the position, occupied by 150 to 175 Reds.

The Eighth Army reported inflicting 2,202 casualties on the Reds during the week of Jan. 15-17 for the highest total in more than a month. This included 1,321 killed, 870 wounded and 11 prisoners.

CORRECTION

Cutlines beneath a picture of Al Becker, published in the Jan. 23 issue of the Herald and News erroneously placed the location of his business in the People's warehouse instead of the O.K. Transfer warehouse. Becker has perfected a formula for stock minerals that he plans to market.

Famed West Lawman Dies

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP)—Jim Blakely, Indian fighter and early-day Eastern Oregon Sheriff, died at his home near here Friday at the age of 100.

He was a member of famous law enforcement family and became sheriff of Crook County in 1884 and about 20 years later was sheriff of Wallowa County.

During the early 1900s his brother, Billy, was sheriff of Umatilla County and another brother, Joe, was sheriff of Gilliam County. A third brother, George, was judge at The Dalles.

This led a newspaper to comment that, "fugitives from justice could flee in no direction without colliding with a nemesis bearing the name of Blakely, adorned with a sheriff's badge or draped with a judge's robe."

Jim was active in community affairs and at the age of 86 rode a horse from La Grande to Pendleton. He took part in community celebrations until last year.

Cold Wave Hits Alaska

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — A mass of cold air from Siberia spread over Alaska Friday night and thermometers were dropping in every part of the territory except the panhandle.

The mercury hit 51-below in Fairbanks Friday night and the Weather Bureau said colder temperatures were in the offing. It was 58 below at Tanana and 56 below at Dunbar on the Alaska Railroad line.

A low of 54 below was predicted Saturday, but weather officials said it might go lower.

Administration At a Glance

By The Associated Press

Yesterday in the Eisenhower administration:

The Senate Armed Services Committee unanimoosly approved President Eisenhower's nomination of Charles E. Wilson to be secretary of defense after Wilson read a statement saying he will dispose of his General Motors stock.

Former Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge was sworn in as chief U. S. delegate to the United Nations after being confirmed by Senate.

Eisenhower conferred with, among others, members of his Cabinet; U. N. Ambassador Lodge; Harold E. Stassen, designated mutual security administrator; Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-NJ), Senate Labor Committee chairman; and Harold S. Vance, reportedly to be named defense mobilizer.

Eisenhower scheduled a conference for today with Lt. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, chosen to succeed Gen. James A. Van Fleet, retiring as Eighth Army commander in Korea.

Hope Lauds USDA Changes

By CHARLES F. BARRETT

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reorganization of the Agriculture Department by its new chief, Secretary Benson, was praised today by Rep. Hope (R-Kan), chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

"It was a very good move," Hope told a reporter. "I approve of his goal of eliminating waste and duplication and promoting efficiency, and I think the specific changes made will help."

Benson announced Thursday he was consolidating 20 separate agencies within the Agriculture Department into four divisions.

Possibly the most significant change took soil conservation payments and the Commodity Credit Corporation out from under the wing of the department's giant Production and Marketing Administration. This left PMA as one of the agencies on an equal footing with several others under a division director.

Ending the power of PMA was endorsed by Hope. Some Republications repeatedly have charged the agency was being used to promote Democratic politics.

"PMA has been a pretty sprawling sort of agency," Hope said. "I think the operations involved can be carried on better under an organization of the new kind."

As to whether PMA is less likely now to get involved in politics, Hope commented "that depends on who administers it and how."

Hope said he was undisturbed by Benson's testimony to senators that he wouldn't commit himself on farm price supports beyond the two-year period left for the present law, which supports farm goods at 90 per cent of parity.

Parity is a price for farm products determined by law to be fair to farmers and consumers in relation to the cost of things the farmers must buy.

"I would think Mr. Benson just wants to take time and look into it before he commits himself," Hope said. "After all, the issue doesn't come up for two years yet."

Police Take Old Gunman

GRANTS PASS (AP) — A recluse from the rugged Marial country on the Rogue, Northwest of here, was in jail Saturday after a hunt that ranged three days through the timbered hills.

Jimmy Coe, 72, who has lived off the land for years, was the man in jail. He was held here for Curry county authorities who wanted to question him about pulling a gun in an argument at the Marial Postoffice.

State Police Sgt. C. R. Borgman said this is what happened:

Coe and Mansford Akesson got into an argument over mining property last Tuesday. Tempers flared. Coe pulled out a .32 caliber automatic and Akesson grabbed it. Coe fled into the hills, leaving his pistol behind. It still had the safety catch on, Borgman said.

Alarmed residents of the area called for a police search, then pulled out floorboards from the bridge spanning the Rogue River for fear that Coe would cross the bridge to his camp at the other side and get another gun.

Borgman and three other state police took up the hunt.

They found Coe's trail and Friday found him asleep in an abandoned cabin. Under his pillow, Borgman said, was a 12-inch butcher knife.

Borgman said Coe had lived in the area since 1927.

Sheriff R. G. Sabin was due here from Gold Beach some time Saturday to take Coe there.

Oregon Roads Now Opened

By The Associated Press

Oregon got another dose of rain Saturday after a brief spell of sunshine Friday, but the Weather Bureau reported rivers were continuing to fall.

Highways, although not fully normal were all open except for a stretch of 101, the Coast Highway, between Brookings and Port Orford, the Oregon State Motor Association reported. Only light traffic was permitted between Crescent City and Brookings.

Rainfall was generally light and forecasters said the rivers would continue to fall. It was just a week ago that heavy rains started them out of their banks.

Some snow was expected in the mountains late Saturday.

Fire Razes Feed Plant

A 4-story brick building, main unit of the stock feeding plant of John J. O'Connor and Sons on the Midland Road, was totally destroyed by fire early this morning. The loss was estimated at from $150,000 to $200,000, partly covered by insurance.

A Southern Pacific Railway crew noticed the flames about 3 o'clock this morning and turned in the alarm. County fire fighting equipment arrived too late to save the big structure.

A fortunate wind kept the flames away from 150 head of stock, about 2,500 tons of hay and another building on the lot.

The building was the old Long Bell Lumber Company plant, built by that firm many years ago. It is near the Great Northern roundhouse, about eight miles south of Klamath Falls.

Weather

FORECAST: Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California—Mostly cloudy through Sunday with a few snow flurries late Saturday night and Sunday. Low Saturday night 30. High Sunday 42.

Low last night 27
High yesterday 45

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Morse to Vote Against Wilson

NEW YORK (AP) — Sen. Wayne Morse, Oregon independent, said Saturday he will vote against confirmation of Charles E. Wilson for Secretary of Defense and charged that "big business has stolen the Republican party."

Morse attacked the Wilson nomination at a news conference as "shocking and unconscionable" as well as against public policy.

He predicted that the Eisenhower administration was "dominated by big business philosophy" and was going to be a "very reactionary administration."

Morse came here to deliver a speech at Town Hall. His news conference preceded the address. He was elected from Oregon as a Republican, supported Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson, the Democratic nominee for President, and now calls himself an Independent.

The Senate armed forces committee has voted unanimously to support Wilson's nomination for Secretary of Defense following his announcement that he plans to sell all his stock in General Motors. The Senate is expected to vote on him Monday.

Morse declared Saturday that it made no difference that Wilson had agreed to sell his $2,500,000 stock in General Motors.

He said it is "not in the interest of good government to place at the head of a defense establishment the ex-president of a corporation that has between four billion and five billion dollars worth of defense contracts with the defense establishment."

Saying that he had nothing personal against Wilson, Morse characterized him as "neither a superman nor an indispensible man."

He suggested that President Eisenhower might find another position in the federal government for Wilson that does not involve his dealing with General Motors.

State Game Commission Studies Deer Regulations

By HECTOR L. FOX

SALEM (AP) — Rolling stones may not gather moss but they can give the Legislature's fish and game devotees a headache.

And the House Fish and Game Committee, at its first meeting Friday, also got the first twinges of several other headaches it will try to cure—not the least of which is confusion that has existed the past two years over opening of the hunting season.

A harmless-appearing bill that talks about removing gravel from "non-navigable" streams so as to prevent injury to fish life had a rocky introduction. And when Rep Robert R. Klemsen, St. Helens, suggested some kind of legislation to straighten out the hunting situation, everybody pulled the trigger.

Representatives of the Oregon Wildlife Federation told the legislators that gravel removal in spawning streams has long been some cause for alarm. Some gravel operators, they said, apparently didn't known much about silt, either, for they had blithely permitted siltation to cover spawning grounds.

Silt, you see, ought to be returned to the stream after it has been washed out of the gravel. Not just dumped in, to make a pavement-like mass over gravel that would force a spawning fish to use a jackhammer to find a place to lay her eggs.

Well, what's to be done? W. S. (Bill) Smith, federation spokesman, thinks the state should survey, spot and post spawning grounds, maybe set the seasons on them.

Conservationally, he would require gravel operations near such grounds to take measures to prevent silt from foreclosing on mama trout's home. Smith mentioned settling ponds or basins.

Anyway, the bill began to rear like a Frankenstein monster before the committee got to the last page, and it seems headed for a lot more study.

If the handling of the deer season the past two years was supposed to have been an inconvenience to hunters, think what it was to ranchers. Don't think. Here's one to tell you:

"If we have this year what we had last year, you can bet the entire county of Wallowa will be posted. And we could do it, too. About two-thirds of our county is privately owned."

That's Rep. H. R. Weatherford, Wallowa, who looks like he means business. He said that because of the concentration of hunters in one area of the state, as happened last year when Western and Eastern Oregon had different seasons because of fire closures, "the wide open spaces weren't safe for man or beast."

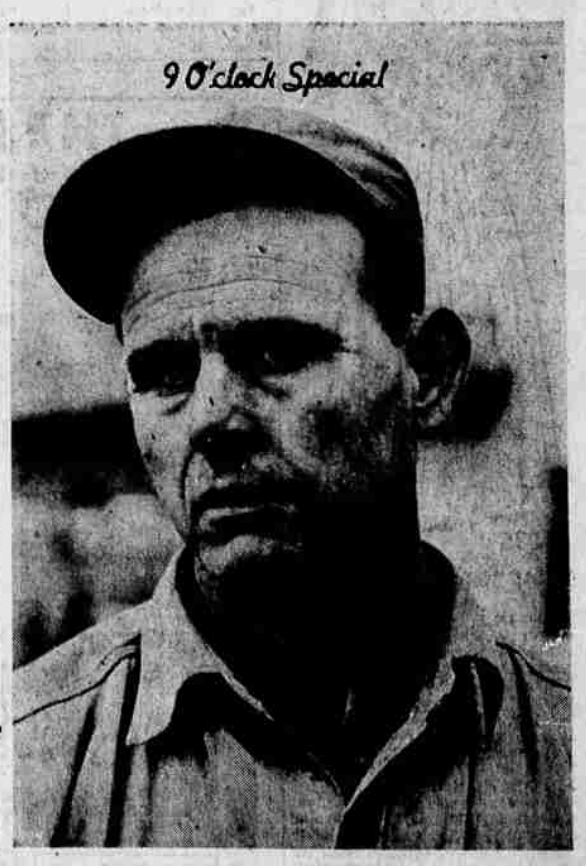
Klemsen said the same thing happened in Western Oregon as thousands of Eastern Oregon hunters flocked over the mountains.

Both Klemsen and Weatherford think something ought to be done to give hunters a fixed and irrevocable starting date, tieing in with the close of the fire season.

They also want hunters to get their full shooting time without the threat of interruption by a governor's forest closure order.

Klemsen would go so far as to designate the start of the hunting season as so many days after the fire menace has ended.

And yes—the committee agrees that both Western and Eastern Oregon hunting seasons should open and close at the same time. At least, that would stop a lot of running back and forth over the mountains.



R. W. MITCHELL, 3136 Cannon, works with Contractor H. A. Sample and was engaged this morning in pouring a cement driveway at the new Goodyear Store location, 11th and Klamath.