



GRADUATING CLASS of Newell Elementary School entertained parents and teachers, May 21 at a banquet in the Willard Hotel. Money for the dinner was raised by students with food sales and other activities. Guests of honor were treated to a theater party after the dinner. Here, seated, are members of the class, Judy Huse, Marietta Milligan, Dorothy Decker and Sue White. Second row, Lee Stephenson, who emceed the program, Leona Pevytoe, Jack Noren, Elaine Crown, Jim Noren and Danny Williams.

18-year-old Vote Favored By GOP National Chairman

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican national chairman Leonard W. Hall favors voting privileges for 18-year-olds, and says President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon do too.

In a statement on the subject Monday the GOP chief cited Eisenhower's comment during the 1952 presidential campaign that anybody old enough to fight is old enough to vote.

"The old argument that young

people between the ages of 18 and 21 are not sufficiently matured to exercise the right of suffrage is as dead as the Dodo bird," Hall said.

He added that the younger voters would increase the interest and enthusiasm in elections.

Hall said the age limit could be lowered either by action of the individual states or by amendments of the federal constitution. Only Georgia now permits 18-year-olds to vote.

British Firm Gets Contract

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP) — A British firm was awarded an \$857,600 contract Tuesday for manufacturing six transformer units for the McNary Dam powerhouse on the Columbia River.

Col. P. S. Tandy, the Army's award to Ferranti Electric Co., Inc., for manufacture at Hollingwood, Lancaster, England.

The award precedes by a day a re-opening at Seattle of bids for transformers for Chief Joseph Dam, upstream from McNary.

An Army call for rebids on the Chief Joseph project, after a low bid by a British concern, created an international "incident" recently. It included criticism of the United States policy in the British house of commons by a high British government official.

Convicted Mayor Hangs Onto Post

FALL RIVER, Mass. (AP) — Mayor Edward C. Peirce of New Bedford was sentenced to four years in the house of correction Tuesday on gambling conspiracy charges and calmly announced "I will never willingly give up the office."

Defense attorneys indicated they would take the case to the Massachusetts Supreme Court.

Peirce, 58, was convicted of conspiracy to protect gambling. Last week another jury convicted him of conspiracy to impede prosecutions for gambling.

Prior to sentencing Peirce said "I'll run the city from my cell."

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Eugene Woman Doctor Dies At 71

EUGENE (AP) — Dr. Leslie Swigart Kent, 71, the only woman ever elected head of the Oregon Medical Society, died here Tuesday after a illness of several weeks.

A physician here for 30 years, she was elected president of the society in 1948. She formerly was president of the Lane County Medical Society. She was in line to become president of the American Medical Women's Association, being vice president at death.

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Morse Makes No Further Effort to Regain Posts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore), who bolted the Republican Party in the 1952 election campaign, found himself at the extreme foot of the table Tuesday on Senate committee assignments.

With his former GOP colleagues almost solid against him, the Senate Monday rejected 58-19 Morse's five-month fight to get back his old assignments on two major committees—Labor and Armed Services.

When his resolution was beaten, Morse made no further effort to block his assignment to the committees which the Republican Senate majority left for him last January—Public Works and District of Columbia. Most senators consider those groups far less desirable than Labor and Armed Services.

TWO GOOD COMMITTEES
The Oregon senator had been on the Labor Committee for all of his eight years in the Senate prior to this session, and on Armed Services or its predecessor for seven of those years. On Public Works and District of Columbia, Morse

will be at the bottom of the list in seniority.

He has been arguing since January that his seniority entitled him to go back on Labor and Armed Services.

But the reply from the GOP was that seniority applied only within a party, not to the Senate as a whole. Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) told him Monday that the GOP this session had tried to get the best possible committee jobs for its 48 members, and leave for Morse only what no one else wanted. Each senator is entitled to at least two committee posts.

Morse's resolution was designed to woo the GOP because it provided that not only he, but an extra Republican, would go on each of the two committees. This would have preserved the majority party's control.

33 REPUBLICANS AGAINST
However, 33 Republicans voted against the resolution and only two

for it—Tobey (NH) and Cordon, the other Oregon senator. Even among the Democrats, the majority went against Morse. Twenty-three opposed the resolution, 16 favored it.

In vain Morse argued Monday that the Senate only once before had seen fit to punish a member by kicking him off his committees. He pointed to a long line of senators who left their parties in election campaigns and, he said, kept their committee posts.

Minority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) argued against Morse's resolution. He said it would decrease the Democrats' share of committee seats and would disrupt the orderly procedures of the Senate in handling its organization.

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