

Little Heat Expected Over Picks

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect John F. Kennedy has gone about picking a Cabinet like a man determined to avoid a brawl before he has a chance to start his presidency.

None of his four Cabinet appointees so far is a controversial figure.

None therefore is likely to get much opposition or criticism from liberals or conservatives in the new Congress next year—at least in the beginning.

Kennedy filled the spot which could have caused the biggest rumpus with an adroit but non-spectacular figure; Dean Rusk, head of the Rockefeller Foundation, as secretary of State.

Rusk in the past held several government jobs—the highest as assistant secretary of State for Far Eastern affairs under President Truman—but handled himself unobtrusively. To the public he was generally unknown.

He had to be adroit to be on that Far Eastern desk in 1950 and come through unscathed when Sen. Joseph McCarthy was belaboring the State Department for its handling of Far Eastern affairs, particularly in China.

Rusk is esteemed for brains by people who know him. Since he's a quiet operator, he and Kennedy will have the advantage of starting out in foreign affairs with at least a period of peace and quiet.

He'll get his share of brickbats later, which is par for the course for secretaries of State.

The story would have been different if Kennedy had given the No. 1 foreign policy job to Adlai E. Stevenson, who is a hero to some.

The slot Kennedy picked for Stevenson — ambassador to the United Nations — can hardly cause a fire in Congress or elsewhere. In the United Nations Stevenson will not be making American foreign policy. He'll just be expressing it.

Kennedy reportedly had considered several men for the job he finally gave Rusk: Stevenson, Chester Bowles and Sen. William Fulbright, Arkansas Democrat, among others.

Apparently he did his greatest soulsearching in the case of Bowles. Monday, he gave Bowles the State Department's No. 2 job as undersecretary, which puts him at Rusk's right hand.

Bowles, a liberal, a Connecticut congressman and former governor, had a fine record as ambassador to India under Truman and as administrator of the Office of Price Administration during the war.

He was Kennedy's foreign policy adviser during the presidential campaign. But his part in shaping the liberal Democratic platform far from endeared him to some of the conservative members of his party.

There might have been some sharpshootings at him right from the start if Kennedy had named him secretary instead of the non-controversial Rusk. As undersecretary Bowles will be in a position to move up if Rusk ever leaves.

None of Kennedy's other three Cabinet appointees has been in any broad public dispute and has no backlog of ill will to carry into his new job with him.

Those three are Connecticut Gov. Abraham A. Ribicoff as secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; Stewart L. Udall, Democratic congressman from Arizona as secretary of the Interior; and North Carolina Gov. Luther H. Hodges as secretary of Commerce.

All three of them, like Bowles, were active Kennedy supporters during the campaign. Still Kennedy can't be accused of picking his key men to pay off political debts.

Kennedy said Monday he had never met Rusk until last week. And David Elliott Bell, a Harvard economist whom Kennedy named budget director, didn't take an active part in the campaign and hardly knew the president-elect.

Driver Killed As Car Skids
PORTLAND (AP)—An automobile skidded on slick pavement Tuesday, smashed into a utility pole on NW Cornell Road, and killed its driver, Charles A. Babcock, about 75, Portland.

It was the second highway death of the week in Portland. Mrs. James Arthur Blincoe, 30, died Monday of injuries suffered on a three-car collision Dec. 4.

These deaths boosted the Oregon toll for the year to 441 in the Associated Press tabulation. At this time last year 458 had been killed.

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Another Million Workers Expected To Be Jobless

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Another million workers are virtually certain to lose their jobs in December and January, pushing unemployment over 5 million, government economists predicted today. No drop was in sight before March.

Barring a sharp — and unforeseen — spurt in production and hiring, the number of jobless was expected to rise to 4.2 million this month and to 5.2 million in January. Another 100,000 workers were likely to be laid off in February.

The economists painted this dark picture after the Labor Department announced Monday that unemployment climbed by 452,000 last month to 4,031,000, a postwar November record. The jobless rate fell a shade from 6.5 to 6.3 per cent of the labor force.

Seymour Wolfbein, a deputy assistant secretary of labor, said he foresaw "nothing in the offing which will bring unemployment down before the end of winter."

He said the November figures supported earlier predictions that unemployment would not drop until March, falling then to 5 million. He noted that joblessness usually jumps in January because Christmas workers are laid off and cold weather curtails outdoor work.

November marked the first time unemployment topped the 4 million mark since June, when the figure was 4.4 million. But the June increase was largely due to the many students seeking vacation jobs. The November increase was described as a normal seasonal rise.

States To Mull Building Bridge
SALEM (AP) — The Washington and Oregon Legislative Highway Interim committees will meet in Portland Monday to discuss the possibility of building a bridge across the Columbia River between Astoria and Megler.

Sen. Anthony Yturri, R-Ontario, chairman of the Oregon committee, said Oregon cannot do anything toward construction of the bridge until Washington agrees.

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Lawmakers Argue Over State Budget Figures

SALEM (AP) — A joint legislative fiscal conference Tuesday brought disagreement between two legislators on the accuracy of revenue estimates for the next biennium.

Rep. Richard Eymann, D-Mohawk, said, on the basis of past experience, revenue estimates in Gov. Mark O. Hatfield's budget are too low.

Sen. Walter Pearson, D-Portland, said he did not see how the estimates could be as high as they are.

Pearson said that, after reading about Oregon's high unemployment, he felt that this would have the effect of cutting down revenue.

Eymann reported in his capacity as research analyst for the Legislative Interim Committee on Taxation. While there was a high level of unemployment, there was little drop in the number actually working, he said.

The corporation excise tax is hurt most by a recession, he said. An entire battalion was airborne for the first time in the history of the United States on Jan. 23, 1940, when troops were flown 500 miles in 38 bombers.

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