

# Johnson Friends To Hold Policy Committee Reins

WASHINGTON (AP) — Friends of Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, D-Tex., apparently are going to retain control of the Senate Democratic Policy Committee in the new Congress.

Democratic leaders are reported to have agreed on the selection of Sen. Warren G. Magnuson of Washington and John O. Pastore of Rhode Island to fill two vacancies on the group which passes on legislation to be placed before the Senate.

Magnuson and Pastore class themselves as liberals. But their expected selection may be greeted with something less than enthusiasm by such past critics of Johnson's middle-road course as Sen. Paul Douglas of Illinois and Joseph S. Clark Jr. of Pennsylvania.

As the committee is beginning to stack up, self-styled liberals apparently are going to be in the majority. But they include no outspoken critic of the man who will become vice president on Jan. 20.

Sen. Mike Mansfield of Montana, expected to be promoted from Johnson's assistant to the top leadership job, will head the policy makers. His assistant leader, Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, will become a committee member for the first time as will Sen. George A. Smathers of Florida, chosen for secretary of the party conference.

Besides Magnuson and Pastore, other regular members are Sen. Richard B. Russell of Georgia, Lister Hill of Alabama, Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma and Carl Hayden of Arizona.

Mansfield is proposing to increase the calendar-policing committee by an additional member. This group, which sits in with the policy committee with the power to vote, includes Sens. E. L. (Bob) Bartlett of Alaska, Clair Engle of California and Phillip A. Hart of Michigan.

Usually the calendar group's members change with each new Congress. Mansfield wants to retain present members and add an Eastern Democrat, who hasn't been chosen yet.

Mansfield's election as the new leader is expected at a party caucus next Tuesday, although Johnson may not resign until after he is sworn in for a new six-year term after noon that day.

An advance resignation might cause some confusion, under Texas law, as to whether Johnson was quitting his current term or the new one to which he was elected at the same time he won the vice presidency.

Johnson's friends said the leader has no intention of following the precedent set by the late Sen. Alben Barkley of Kentucky in retaining his place as a senator and party leader up to the day he was inducted as vice president.

But Johnson won't be far away when any puzzled Democrat wants to know after Jan. 20 what President John F. Kennedy thinks of any specific piece of legislation.

# Catholics Grateful For Defense

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Roman Catholic Church has expressed gratitude to Protestant and Jewish leaders who defended it during the 1960 presidential campaign.

A year-end report Tuesday by the National Catholic Welfare Conference spoke of the year as "a prosperous, if stormy" one.

Commenting on the campaign in which a Catholic was elected president for the first time, the report said: "Hundreds of thousands of pamphlets were distributed across the country maintaining that a man must have divided loyalty if he is Catholic as well as American."

"Church officials, faced with the decision whether to engage in open controversy to answer the attacks, for the most part chose silence."

"The silence proved beneficial when Protestant and Jewish leaders moved forward to repudiate the attacks, and repeatedly asked that the man and his policy rather than his religion be the deciding factor in determining the vote."

The Welfare Conference is an agency of American bishops which coordinates common activities of the Catholic Church in this country.

# Nixon Refuses To Take Part In Ike Tribute

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon has turned down an invitation to participate in a "Tribute to a Patriot" TV show praising President Eisenhower.

Nixon's press secretary, Herbert G. Klein, said Wednesday night there were two reasons Nixon declined the invitation:

"The key time when they wanted him to tape a part of the program came when he had to be out of town."

"In addition he has adopted a policy not to go on television for a while. This is not permanent, but he thinks that in deference to Mr. Kennedy he should not for the time being do anything publicly in the way of television appearances, news conferences or the like. He has turned down other shows beside this one."

Klein added, "As for anything between himself and the President — of course he has saluted the President many times in the past and will do so many times in the future. It isn't necessary that he do it on any one particular TV show."

The NBC program will portray Eisenhower's career from boyhood to the presidency. It is scheduled for Jan. 10.

**LATE CHRISTMAS PARCEL**  
FORT ORD, Calif. (UPI) — Clara L. Dommer received a late Christmas parcel this year. It was supposed to arrive for Christmas 1950.

An Army postal clerk said the package was found behind a post office partition here. It was addressed to Miss Dommer, a service club director, and sent by a friend in Kansas City.

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# Official Recount Puts Hawaii's Electoral Vote In Kennedy Total

WASHINGTON (AP) — An official recount in Hawaii has tipped the newest state to President-elect John F. Kennedy by 115 votes.

That gives Kennedy 303 electoral votes to 219 for Vice President Richard M. Nixon; 269 were needed to win. Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D-Va., got 15.

With Hawaii's new totals, announced Wednesday more than seven weeks after the election, the final national popular vote goes like this:

Kennedy 34,221,531.  
Nixon 34,108,474.

Plurality for Kennedy: 113,057 out of a total vote of 68,832,778. Other candidates got a total of 502,773, so that Kennedy's total still is less than a majority of all the popular votes.

Nixon at first had been listed as the winner in Hawaii by 141 votes. But Democrats gained a recount of all its precincts by citing errors in the certified returns.

With Hawaii finally settled, Kennedy carried 23 states; Nixon carried 26. Mississippi's eight unpledged votes went to Byrd, who also received six electoral votes from Alabama and one from Oklahoma.

The Electoral College voted on Dec. 19, making Kennedy's election official. The result will be presented to Congress Jan. 6. Both Republican and Democratic Hawaiian electors cast votes Dec. 19, since the outcome was still up in the air. Now, after some legal paperwork, Hawaii's Democratic votes will be the ones that count.

The word alfalfa means "best fodder."

# Okinawa Marines Are Landing At Suburban Home

CHICAGO (AP) — Marines from Okinawa have started landing at a suburban Park Forest home. And the situation appears definitely out of hand.

The first contingent of five Marines arrived Wednesday at the John G. Ransford home. More are on the way. Before the old year dies, the five-bedroom Ransford home may be housing more than a dozen Marines.

Donald (Butch) Ransford, 22, a Marine corporal, takes full responsibility for the invasion. He landed from Okinawa on Dec. 16 after 16 months service for a leave. He telephoned his mother and told her he had invited 32 of his buddies to her house "after Christmas." Fifteen, he added hesitantly, had accepted the bid. Donald's brother, Jerry, 20, reported five of Donald's buddies had arrived Wednesday, added: "We got a telephone call from others saying a car with seven will arrive but we don't know when or from where. And then there are supposed to be more hitch-hiking from Cincinnati."

Mrs. Ransford, who at first didn't believe Donald's story, found it was true when he arrived home Dec. 19. The family started preparing, frantically.

A 23-pound turkey was cooked Wednesday. A 60-cup percolator, borrowed from a fraternal group, was ready for constant perking. The refrigerator was stacked with food. A milk company offered emergency service.

Mattresses, pillows and bed clothing, also borrowed, were stacked upstairs ready for the emergency.

Neighbors heard about Butch's invitation and many brought in food. The Marines already have 10 invitations to dinner from friends and neighbors. The first big event was dinner at the Ransford home Wednesday night for the first arrivals, all from the Chicago area. Mrs. Ransford appeared going to stay.

"Butch doesn't know. He thinks most of them will want to be home for New Year's Eve. I suppose they must all have homes."

"Butch is a nice boy. He just doesn't have all his senses."

# Give-Away Man Being Sought

PORTLAND (AP) — Earlier this month, Morris Pruitt Quintard stood on a downtown street corner here and gave away \$2,500 — his life's savings — to Skid Road residents. Then he disappeared.

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