





# AEC Chairmanship May Cause A Tiff Between House, Senate

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Two developments of the past week threaten to strain relations between the Senate and the House.

They are the refusal by senators to yield the chairmanship of the Senate-Atomic Energy Committee to a House member, and a Senate bid to edge into the House's traditionally exclusive right to start money bills through Congress.

House leaders have indicated that they do not intend to bow to the Senate, even if it means leaving a Democrat as head of the Senate-Atomic Energy Committee.

They had expected Rep. Sterling Cole (R-NY) to become chairman of the committee by reason of seniority and rotation of the chairmanship between the Senate and the House. The last chairman was a senator, the late Brien McMahon (D-Conn.). Upon his death last July Rep. Durham (D-NC), vice chairman, became acting chairman.

Durham still is acting as chairman because the committee has been unable to agree on a new head now that the Republicans have taken over. Senators are backing Sen. Hickenlooper (R-Ia) for the chairmanship and they are deadlocked with House members who insist Cole should get the job.

The committee was set up in the 80th Congress of 1947-48, with Hickenlooper as chairman. House members say the original intention was to rotate the chairmanship between the Senate and the House, and that they yielded the chair to McMahon, chief author of the Atomic Energy Act. He held it until his death.

House Speaker Martin (R-Mass) said he doesn't know how the stalemate will end. He suggested one way to break it would be for a senator to vote for Cole. He indicated he doesn't expect the House members to back down in their support of Cole.

Another solution proposed in the event the deadlock persists is to break up the joint committee and let each chamber have its own atomic energy group. Another would be to continue Durham as

chairman even though he is a Democrat.

The Senate's bid to invade the House's prerogative, as House members view it, has taken the form of heavily backed Senate resolutions (1) to create a super-committee of senators and representatives to handle the budget and (2) to jump all appropriations into a single bill.

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# Benson Suggests Less Dependence Upon Supports

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson is putting U. S. farmers on notice that they must depend more upon themselves than upon government subsidies in the future.

"Price supports should provide insurance against disaster," Benson said. "Those that encourage uneconomic production, resulting in continuing heavy surpluses and subsidies, should be avoided."

Addressing some 3,000 farmers of the Central Livestock Association here last night, Benson promised that the farm support program would be carried out faithfully by the new administration. He said, "There will be no blanket promises to embark on actions which we have neither the authority to invoke nor the means to implement."

"Inefficiency," he said, "should not be subsidized in agriculture or any other economy, and relief programs should be operated as such. Too many Americans are calling on Washington to do for them what they should be willing to do for themselves."

The secretary said that declining cattle prices had been in effect when he came into office in January. He called the situation an "orderly and temporary adjustment" resulting from the big jump in numbers of cattle the past few years.

Benson said he would confer with dairymen next Tuesday relative to price support for butter. The present 90 per cent prop ends March 31.

# Van Fleet To Appear Before Senate Group

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD  
TOKYO (AP)—Gen. James A. Van Fleet, smiling but misty-eyed as he seared the end of a glorious military career, left Tokyo for home and retirement today.

Immediately behind him was a record of 23 months as commander of the multi-nation U. S. Eighth Army in Korea. Directly ahead is an appearance before the Senate Armed Services Committee in Washington to explain his belief that an Allied offensive in Korea could be successful.

"Big Jim" had a one-word answer—"Certainly"—when AP correspondent John Randolph asked him Tuesday: "Do you think a general offensive in Korea can be successful at this time?"

Sen. Saltonstall (R-Mass) told a Lincoln Day dinner at Paterson, N. J., last night, "As chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I want you to know that I am planning to have Gen. Van Fleet come before our committee on his return to this country to spell out to us in detail just how he feels this might be done and what its expected results would be."

"It has been a great privilege," the old soldier said huskily to military and diplomatic officials who saw him off at Tokyo's International Airport. "God Bless You."

Then he boarded the personal plane of Gen. Mark Clark, U. N. Far Eastern commander, for Honolulu, first stop on his homeward journey.

Clark obviously was affected by Van Fleet's departure.

"I hate to see this gallant soldier leave the Far East Command," he said. "He has been a great inspiration to me and to his men."

Earlier today, Clark pinned on Van Fleet's big chest an air medal and Oak Leaf Cluster. The awards were for dangerous, low-level flights over enemy territory in unarmored light planes.

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# Oil Imports Problem Confronts Rail Group

AUSTIN (AP)—A stormy session over high oil imports appeared shaping up today for the Railroad Commission's state-wide proration hearing next week.

The commission reported yesterday statements from 12 big oil companies show plans for importing 869,412 barrels daily of foreign crude and crude products this year.

Officials of the companies have been asked to be present at the Feb. 18 hearing to explain their reports, submitted to the commission in response to a questionnaire on oil industry plans and needs for 1953.

Commission Chairman Ernest O. Thompson said the reports confront Texas with "threat of being supplanted with foreign crude."

It does not seem fair, he said, after Texas has built up a reserve daily producing ability of 600,000 barrels of oil per day for defense.

These planned imports were reported: Atlantic 56,600 barrels daily, Cities Service 8,518, Gulf 120,000, Asiatic Petroleum Corp. 10,000, Shell 12,158, Sinclair 88,000, Socony-Vacuum 101,800, Standard (Calif.) 107,000, Pan American Petroleum and Transport Co., (subsidiary of Standard Ind.) 48,000, Standard (N. J.) 263,000, Sun 11,096, and Texas Co. 63,200.

Texas' allowable this month was 3,238,937 barrels daily, slightly more than in January, but slashed twice since the alltime high of 3,387,245 barrels set Nov. 29.

Thompson said indications point to further cutbacks—perhaps as much as 200,000 barrels daily—in the spring, an increase of about 100,000 barrels in the summer and a return in the last quarter to allowables about equal to the present.

"This is certainly not encouraging," he said.

Thompson noted the commission has no control over imports. "But we can point out how much oil is being imported and by whom," he declared.

Lawmaker Raps CIO Proposals On Labor Law

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. McConnell (R-Pa) sees "nothing new," he said today, in the CIO's proposed changes for the Taft-Hartley labor law.

The chairman of the House Labor Committee made his comment after examining a list of the CIO Executive Board's criticisms of the 1947 Labor-Management Act.

# Mexico, Cuba Fishing Treaty Said Unfair To U.S. Fishermen

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Provisions of a proposed new fishing treaty between Mexico and Cuba were criticized yesterday as being unfair to U. S. fishermen.

The Fishing Chamber of Commerce said the proposed Cuban agreement would permit Cuban boats to fish without paying Mexico's fish tax. The tax would remain effective on U. S. boats.

The chamber said the provision was "unjust and one-sided" and is sure to make U. S. fishermen discontented. Terms of the Mexico-Cuba treaty now under discussion have not been made public by either government.

Leading China Reds Said Investing In Hong Kong, Macao

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP)—The Central Daily News today asserted leading Communists in South China are secretly investing money at Hong Kong and Macao because they fear a Nationalist invasion of the mainland.

The Nationalist government's official newspaper said investors included Gen. Yeh Chien-ying, former chief of staff of the Communist armies and now Red boss of South China. Most of the Communist investments, made through private contacts, were in real estate, the paper said.

It attributed the Red scare to the U. S. decision to denaturalize the Formosa Strait.

\$50,000 Is Cost For U.S. Rehabilitation In European Floods

ESSELINGEN, Germany (AP)—The cost of rehabilitating American families stricken by last week's floods in Britain has been estimated at \$50,000, the American Red Cross headquarters here reported today.

Robert M. Lewis, the organization's director of operations, said at least 16 Americans were killed and 75 families were left homeless. All were members of the U. S. Air Force or of Air Force families.

Hoover Leaves Today For His Fishing Trip

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Cool, windy weather kept former President Herbert Hoover in the hospital overnight but he planned to leave today for fishing trip in the Florida Keys.

# 395 Korea Casualties

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Defense Department reported yesterday that U. S. battle casualties in Korea increased by 395 during the week ended last Friday, raising the total to 129,815. Of the total, 22,880 are listed as battle deaths and 9,260 as missing.

Ex-Senator Thomas Dies In Honolulu  
HONOLULU (AP)—Elbert D. Thomas, U. S. trust territory high commissioner in the Pacific and former Democratic senator from Utah, died yesterday at his home. He was 69.

Thomas developed a respiratory infection several days ago. He collapsed yesterday.

A onetime Mormon missionary in Japan, Thomas was appointed to the Pacific trust post two years ago by then President Truman after 18 years in the Senate.

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**Aussies Expect To Be Consulted Before Blockade On China**

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Australia and the other United Nations fighting in Korea expect the United States to consult fully with them before considering a blockade of Communist China, Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies told a press conference today.

"All of us would expect to be consulted on a matter of that kind," he said, "and I don't think there is any doubt we would be."

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**Lincoln Used To Tell Some Funny Stories**

WASHINGTON (AP)—Nearly all, if not all, the pictures of this tall, gaunt President show an incredibly melancholy man, burdened with an almost overpowering loneliness.

Certainly nowhere in the pictures is there anything to hint that Abraham Lincoln had a laugh, as one man described it, as unrestrained as the neigh of a wild horse.

Nor do the pictures suggest this description:

"His features were lighted, his eyes radiant, he responded to sundry remarks humorously, then dryly, and thenceforward was cordial and hearty."

Posting for pictures was a tedious process. Robert Lincoln said his father invariably lapsed into melancholy during the ordeal.

Discovery of what may be another photo of Lincoln, long unrecognized, was announced yesterday by Wayne C. Grover, archivist of the United States. The picture is a scene at Gettysburg, Pa., on the day of Lincoln's address, taken by Matthew Brady, noted Civil

War photographer. Grover said one figure has tentatively been identified as Lincoln.

Had the flashbulb been around in those days, enabling alert photographers to catch each fleeting change in expression, the pictorial record—and possibly our impressions of Lincoln—might be different.

Again, maybe it is just as well the flashbulb came later.

For the truth is, we Americans don't like too much levity in our chief executives. A sense of humor, yes; but we want it well under control.

Lincoln's love of a good story brought repeated charges that he was a buffoon, a coarse comedian who laughed as men died on the battlefield.

Lincoln kept right on telling stories.

Today, on his birthday, let's sample some of his humor, picked out of Carl Sandburg's splendid biography.

Describing an orator, Lincoln said: "He can compress the most words into the smallest ideas of any man I ever met."

Again, Lincoln pictured a wind-bag "who mounted to the rostrum, threw back his head, shined his eyes, and left the consequences to God."

An old friend, a congressman, got this reception: "Come in here and tell me what you know. It won't take long."

A woman who asked him to intercede with the War Department was told: "It's of no use, madam, for me to go. They do things in their own way over there, and I don't amount to pig tracks in the War Department."

Lincoln's humor was a part of him, and it became an increasingly important part as the Civil War wore on.

Congressman Isaac N. Arnold once chided him for joking when the war looked bleakest. Arnold then heard something that fits in better with the photos we have of Lincoln.

"Mr. Arnold," the President cried, "if I could not get momentary respite from the crushing burden I am constantly carrying, my heart would break!"

**Train-Car Smash Kills Four People, Injures 12 Others**

GAITHERSBURG, Md. (AP)—A train-auto collision in near-freezing rain and fog here last night killed the car's four occupants, derailed the train and injured about a dozen crewmen and passengers.

The train, the Baltimore & Ohio's West Virginian, was en its way to Parkersburg, W. Va., from Washington, D. C., some 25 miles to the southeast. A railroad spokesman said the locomotive and tender and seven of its eight cars jumped the rails when the auto jammed a switch.

Police Lt. Paul W. Watkins identified the dead as Mr. and Mrs. John Fox, their son Pete, about 30, and Upton Harding, about 35. Watkins said the engineer and fireman, identified as R. J. Morgan and P. H. Frye, were taken to Washington's Suburban Hospital. At least four injured passengers, one reported in serious condition, were admitted there also.

**Troop 5 Winner Of Honor Court Award**

Approximately two score boys shared in a variety of awards as the Lone Star District started a new year of Scouting with Court of Honor here Tuesday evening.

The Court award was won by Troop No. 5, with a new perfect record of attendance and of advancement. Troop No. 2, which captured the honor over all of last year, was next, followed by No. 9. Dan Krause presided and 250 people attended.

Second class awards went to Larry Nelson, James Raley, Eddie Kinney, Dwayne Carroll, and Nicki Petroff.

First class scouts getting badges were Billy White, Charles Morris, Travis Anderson, Freddy Pollard, Bounce Covert, Billy Wood, Turner Ferguson.

Star Scouts were Dickie Madison, Kelsey Meeks, Bobby Overman, Don Cannon and C. P. Ward.

Merit badges went to Dickie Madison, Don Payne, Henry Hicks, Kelsey Meeks, Bobby Overman, Don Cannon, Charles Morris, Billy White, Wednel Brown, Stanley Chesir, Earl Mayer, James Grantham, Ralph Grantham, Dennis Strickland, Steven Strickland, George Peacock, Lee Denton, Frank Powell, Adrian DeGraffenreid, Bill Owen, Johnnie Anderson, Barton Grooms, Dennis Jones, Bobby Dillon, Turner Ferguson.

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**Mexicans Wonder What To Use On Fishing Pirates**

MEXICO CITY (AP)—A government order to clamp down on what officials called "pirate ships" fishing in Mexican waters of the Gulf of Mexico drew a "With what?" reply today from coastal commanders.

Naval Secretary Sanchez Taboada on Monday ordered port commanders to "detach your naval vessels to pursue the pirate ships."

From both Vera Cruz and Tampico came the reply: "We have no naval vessels to detach."

Feeling ran high here as reports poured in of shrimp boats from both the U. S. and Cuba operating close to Mexican shores.

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**Milk, Butter, Eggs Due For Decontrol**

WASHINGTON (AP)—Market basket items like milk, butter and eggs were marked for price decontrol this week amid signs that emergency power to restore economic curbs might be kept.

A top official said a final decision will be made today on a long list of goods tentatively tabbed for removal from price ceilings by Friday or Saturday.

The list makes up 15 per cent of consumer goods in the cost of living index package, he said, and would leave less than that percentage still under control. It includes such things as:

Milk, butter, cheese, poultry, eggs, oleomargarine, cleansers, soap, lard and other shortening; rubber and rubber products; lead, tin, zinc and scrap; pet foods; paper and paper products.

Controls would remain, at least for the time being, on such important items as machinery, most automobiles and scarce metals. But many of these do not have a direct bearing on the consumer.

The exemption of paper products would cover waxed and treated papers, plates and newspaper.

Work on the list began after price officials met with James F. Brownlee, New York investment broker named to help Defense Mobilizer Arthur Flemming end controls and, at the same time, continue the program to produce scarce materials for defense.

In an interview, Brownlee lent weight to the idea that the Eisenhower administration will stick to a step-by-step curbing of price controls. A one-stroke sudden

**33 Students On Honor Roll At BS High School**

Thirty-three students made the honor roll of the Big Spring Senior High School for the first semester.

Those listed averaged above 90 in all their subjects, said Principal Roy D. Worley. As a matter of fact, the average grade for all was near 95.

The percentage of total enrollment of 518 is approximately 6.5 per cent. This is roughly three per cent above the grade curves on a national average.

On the list are Robert Angel, Susie Blankenship, Janice Boardman, Charlene Boyd, Nancy Clark, Glenna Coffey, Betty Earley, Billy Earley, Beverly Edwards, C. G. Evans, Nina Fryar, Gwen Gafford, Iva Hampton, Virginia Hatch, Moun-bara Holley, Marilyn Jackson.

Libby Jones, Dick Kincaid, Barbara Lester, Donald McCarty, Alice Ann Martin, Jo Ann Miller, Arlene Mitchell, Ellen Morgan, Marian Murphy, Ella Mae Newton, Berton Niccum, Myrna Talley, Virginia Todd, Joy Towery, Marie Wallace, Geraldine Webb, Shirley Wheat.

**Doctors Meet Today**

A technical film, "Rheumatoid Arthritis," was to be shown area doctors and VA Hospital personnel at 1 p.m. today in the medical conference room at the Veterans Hospital. The showing had been scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, but was postponed.

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