

# News Report From Busy Washington

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Sept. 27.—The political turbulence in Washington continues each week with still new reports on General Dwight D. Eisenhower and President Harry S. Truman. This past week the press was buzzing with excitement over Roy Roberts' assertion that Eisenhower had declared himself a good Kansas Republican. Roberts' statement came at a time when Republicans who oppose Senator Robert Taft were pleading for a statement from the General to head off Taft, who is seeking to woo additional delegates, of which he already has 400.

It came at a time when Governor Thomas E. Dewey was reporting to President Truman, on his trip through the Far East and when speculators were wondering what Thomas Dewey would do to prevent a Taft nomination at Chicago. Of course, if Eisenhower would run, which some people are beginning to doubt, he could probably win everything. But, otherwise, the trend to Taft seems almost inevitable. Many Republicans say Taft deserves the nomination, has been pushed aside at conventions long enough. Others fear his policies, wonder if he can win.

Meanwhile, last week there was also speculation about President Truman. Several Washington officials and at least one well-known Washington columnist predicted Mr. Truman would not make the race in 1952. In fact, there was more heard along this line last week than in many moons. And, as already mentioned, many people were beginning to think Eisenhower would not run. One Army officer said Ike figured it this way: He had seen practically every military man who went into politics get his fingers burned. Right now he is enjoying bi-partisan popularity, and has the job of his choice. Why change all that?

Chief Justice Fred Vinson is the most-mentioned Democrat to replace President Truman on the Democratic ticket, if the President decides not to run. But in the opinion of most of the press, Mr. Truman will be persuaded to run again. And if he does, he will not face a Southern revolt, as in 1948, says Jonathan Daniels, Truman intimate and North Carolina editor. Daniels said last week that the South would remain inside the party. However, there is some doubt on this score, and several Southern states are expected to vote for favorite son candidates up to the last, perhaps even in the electoral college, as in 1948.

Perhaps the hottest Eisenhower report last week was that the General will return to the United States in the next two or three months. It was known that several friends in Europe were last week urging the General to do just that, but whether he will listen to their pleas and return is a question. Some of Ike's backers believe if he would return for a visit, he could establish himself as a major G. O. P. contender without great effort and without talking about it. And he probably could—by merely visiting the right places, and the right people.

Washington reporters think either John Foster Dulles or Thomas Dewey may be the next Secretary of State. They say President Truman could steal most of the Republicans' 1952 foreign policy thunder by appointing a Republican Secretary of State. On the Democratic side, Chief Justice Fred Vinson is mentioned as a possible successor to Dean Acheson—just as he is mentioned these days as a possible Democratic presidential candidate.

If Mr. Truman is going to run again, he could probably do his party a lot of good by replacing Acheson with a Republican like Dulles or Dewey. If he is not, and would make Fred Vinson a more-publicized figure, he could appoint Vinson, as a step up the ladder to the White House, possibly.

But Mr. Truman isn't dissatisfied with Acheson. He thinks Acheson did a great job at San Francisco. And in this belief he agrees with Republican Senator William Knowland, of California, who surprised many G. O. P. colleagues in the Senate last week by speaking out for Acheson, saying he did a "superb" job at

Frisco. Acheson will only go when his presence might mean defeat in a national election.

The walls of the inflation dam began to give way last week when two automobile companies applied for raises in the prices of their new cars. Others will follow quickly, and because production will be slowed in the next twelve months, the unit cost may again advance. These increases were made possible by the so-called Capehart amendment to the new Defense Production Act. The Administration fought the amendment every step of the way but could not prevent Republicans and Southern Democrats from passing it. Automobiles are just one of the items which will rise in price in the coming months.

O. P. S. says inflation is sure to increase as the increases allowed under the present Defense Production Act take effect. Because of Administration and OPS complaints, the Senate is now looking into the problem of changing the new law to check these breaks in the anti-inflation dam, but nothing will probably be done this year.

The Republican-Southern Democratic coalition which wrote the new Defense Production bill (which took effect August 1st) were warned at the time they voted it that price increases along the line would result. The reply at that time was: "Let's wait and see." The automobile companies are letting them see first hand right now, with increases up to between \$200 and \$300 on many new cars. And other manufacturers are falling in behind the automobile companies.

The West Point cheating scandal has about died a natural death and all the wails and tears have about faded away. Dismissal of the 90 cadets is tragic, but it is not out of line with West Point tradition. What most people fail to understand is that, at the Point, the honor system is the cardinal philosophy and permeates every activity on the campus. A cadet can leave his post, his studies, etc., by merely telling the guard he has a valid reason. He is completely on his honor. No one ever doubts him.

Cadets report others for violations not because they are petty but because it is their duty, and they respect the code. They are guilty of a violation if they do not report offenses. Thus, the cadet corps at West Point has operated for 150 years. Brothers have turned in brothers. Outsiders find the code hard to understand. But it works. It worked in the case of the cheating ring, though it took some time, because that ring was a carefully organized conspiracy, which succeeded longer than any other ever had before it. But like all similar cheating rings, it failed because the honor code among West Point's 2,600 cadets is too strong to flout.

### ONE DEATH EVERY FIFTEEN MINUTES

Safety experts estimate that, between December 15 and December 31, the millionth American will be killed on the highways of the nation since coming of the automobile.

It should shock the conscience of every American to realize that the motor vehicle, important as it is and will be, has been introduced to the nation at such a fearful cost in human life.

Despite educational work that has been done and the repeated efforts to persuade the drivers of automobiles to be careful, a total of 3,150 were killed in traffic fatalities during the month of July. This is more than 100 a day.

It is hard to understand the mental apathy with which the people of this country view the death of one person every fifteen minutes on our highways. The toll is high because it is unnecessary. The advantages of motor travel can be obtained without paying such a fearful price.

The Farm Credit Administration recently sent a check for \$1,000,000 to the U. S. Treasury, thus boosting to \$100,000,000 the total dividends from the \$200,000,000 loaned to farmers during

U. S. group in Spain ready to begin detailed military survey.

# Let's Save Lives . . .

### AUTO TOLL EXCEEDS WAR

As the nation grids for a stupendous arms-building program, the statisticians tell us that, early in September, the millionth American to be killed in the wars of his country died on a Korean battlefield.

This is a great toll of human life in defense of the United States since the battle of Lexington in April, 1775, but unless the nations of the world can discover some satisfactory mode of living in peace, the prospect ahead of the country is that it will not take another one hundred and seventy-six years for the second million Americans to die in combat.

The total dead, due to war, is inevitably associated with the aggregate number of people who

have been killed in the United States, during the last half century, on the highways of the nation. The statisticians tell us that late in this year, or early in 1952, the millionth American will be killed in a traffic accident. The tragic toll of modern high-transportation lacks about 11,000 of reaching the million mark.

The records show that nearly one hundred persons, including men, women and children, are suddenly, horribly and fatally mangled every twenty-four hours on our highways. This tragic loss is not made up of men but includes an appalling number of women and children. Many of them are innocent and intelligent persons, using the highways in accordance with the rules of safety and the

laws of the land, only to become the victims of careless, reckless and, oftentimes, drunken drivers.

### SENATE VOTES 10 PCT. MILLION U. S. WORKERS

Washington.—(LPA)—The Sen-

ate has voted a 10 per cent pay increase for 1,000,000 Federal workers. The raises range from \$225 to \$800 maximum, and the average is \$370. Cost is estimated at \$340 million.

pay raises of \$400 to \$800 for 500,000 postal employees, at an estimated cost of \$250 million. Both increases are retroactive to July 1.

Death is the cool night. Life is a sultry day.—Henrich Heine.

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5 years	19.75	39.50	79.00
6 years	20.00	40.00	80.00
7 years	20.25	40.50	81.00
8 years	20.50	41.00	82.00
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11 years	\$25.31	\$50.62	\$101.25	\$202.50	\$506.25	\$1,012.50
12 years	25.94	51.87	103.75	207.50	518.75	1,037.50
13 years	26.56	53.12	106.25	212.50	531.25	1,062.50
14 years	27.19	54.37	108.75	217.50	543.75	1,087.50
15 years	27.81	55.62	111.25	222.50	556.25	1,112.50
16 years	28.44	56.87	113.75	227.50	568.75	1,137.50
17 years	29.06	58.12	116.25	232.50	581.25	1,162.50
18 years	29.69	59.37	118.75	237.50	593.75	1,187.50
19 years	30.31	60.62	121.25	242.50	606.25	1,200.00
20 years	30.94	61.87	123.75	247.50	618.75	1,233.33
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