

WILSON L.T.-P&G. THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1953.

The latest on that Cabinet confirmation delay is that Charles E. Wilson is preparing to give up his stock in General Motors. So states a report from Washington. According to this he has been holding back, only because he fears an attack on his integrity. That is, he had no intention to let the stocks or anything else influence his judgment on government contracts with G.M. or with any firm.

At any rate, again today the word around Washington was that a number of Senators were sure to vote against the able and dynamic head of the vast General Motors empire as long as he hold the stock. For instance, Senator Byrd, of Virginia today stood opposed the appointment, -unless! But, says Byrd, Mr. Wilson will be "completely eligible" if he gives up his G.M. stock. 2½ million dollars of it!

President Eisenhower naturally is anxious to have Chas. E. Wilson's confirmation, - and at once. The President is described as fearing that his administration will lose some important prestige if one of its major appointments is rejected. The rest of the Cabinet

already in, the President would like to see his choice for Defense Secretary added to that list. And - the belief tonite is that Wilson will dispose of all the huge block of stock - to do which will mean an immediate loss to him of some hundreds of thousands of dollars -- a tax loss equal to what a Senator or cabinet officer would earn in about 20 years!

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Substitute WILSON

(late show)

Charles E. Wilson has agreed to dispose of all his stock in General Motors, - all 2½ million dollars worth -- and at a loss to him of 1/2 million. President Eisenhower himself made the announcement tonite. The President had already submitted Wilson's name to the Senate as his choice for Secretary of Defense. Now the Senate Armed Services Committee will meet, tomorrow, to consider the nomination. Chairman Leverett Saltonstall predicts that Wilson now will be confirmed without a hitch.

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DULLES

John Foster Dulles issues an order of the day to all who serve his department, at home and abroad. ^{The} new Secretary of State calls for, ^{— these are} his words:—"competence, discipline and positive loyalty." Which indicates the diplomatic virtues he will insist on during his term of office.

However, Dulles states emphatically that by "positive loyalty" he doesn't mean reports should be "watered down" to please superiors. On the contrary, he calls for ^{what he terms} an "honest evaluation of the facts." He is determined to have no subversives in his department. ^{He says he wants} ~~But, he demands~~ the plain truth at all times - and he knows that the truth is often unpalatable.

^{according to John Foster Dulles,} Loyalty and discipline, ~~he says,~~ will enable the State Department to help win the cold war, and make a shooting war unnecessary.

SUPREME COURT

So, we now have a Republican administration - at least as far as the executive and legislative branches of the government are concerned. President Eisenhower is of course the head of the G.O.P. and his party now controls the new Congress. But what about the judiciary?

Federal judges, of course, are not elected. They are appointed by the President. A dispatch from U.P. Correspondent Lyle Wilson points out tht the Federal Courts are still governed by a New Deal-Fair Deal philosophy; because so many judges were appointed during the last twenty years, when the Democrats were in power. Presidents Roosevelt and Truman named more than four hundred judges! As a result, says Lyle Wilson, Republicans on the bench are outnumbered by Democrats - out-numbered about four to one.

The critical case is, - as we have heard over and over - the Supreme Court. Which produced one of the major disputes of the Roosevelt era. The "nine old men" We all remember the charge that F.D.R. was trying to "pack" the Supreme Court? And he did eventually appoint a full team of nine Justices - his own Supreme Court.

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Harry Truman had the chance to appoint four.

Lyle Wilson notes, that at the moment there is only one Republican on the Supreme Court - Associate Justice Harold Burton - of Ohio. - an F.D.R. appointee. The other eight Democrats.

And the G.O.P. election victory doesn't change the Supreme court! So, President Eisenhower will have to deal with a New Deal - Fair Deal Supreme Court. At least, until death or retirement among the Justices gives him a chance to make some appointments.

Substitute FINE

The inmates of Rockview Penitentiary in Pennsylvania have surrendered. Last Monday they rioted. Commandeered three cell blocks. And seized six guards as hostages. Over four hundred of the rebels gave in on Tuesday. But the rest still held out in the main block.

Then Governor Fine issued an ultimatum. The prisoners, he said, would either end their rebellion peaceably, or else he would send ⁱⁿ the National Guard ~~in~~ to end it by force.

Governor Fine was due to set a deadline tonight. But, now, we hear ~~that the rebels will accept~~ ^{its} /over. The surrender unconditional. And the six hostages released/unharmed. The ^{rebellious convicts} ~~rebels~~ evidently gave in because they were frightened by the preparations of the National Guard to take over the prison.

So the firmness of Governor Fine paid off.

S. S. MASSACRE

Memories of World War Two, of the German occupation of France - and of the crimes of the Storm Troopers. All brought back by a trial that is taking place in a village ^{in France -} near Bordeaux.

Nine Germans and twelve Alsations are facing a French military tribunal. ~~They are~~ charged with the massacre of more than six hundred villagers. Testifying against them - a number of intended victims who saved themselves by pretending to be dead.

Most of the evidence is a ghastly account of how the villagers were murdered in mass executions. But one story sounds pitifully ironic, unreal, almost grotesque. It was told by a man who managed to escape. Says he, "I heard the village pastry-maker pleading with the S.S. men to let him go, because he had cakes in the oven. But they laughed at him." ~~xxxxxx~~ The baker, thinking not of his life, but of his cakes that were burning -- while hundreds of people were being shot down around him. A story that sounds oddly pathetic, even in the midst of the horrors.

RED ANTI-SEMITISM

More Communist anti-Semitism. A report from Berlin states that the Reds in the Soviet Zone are splitting up the city's Jewish community. That is, Jews in East Berlin are now cut off from those in the West Zone. Formerly, there was a single Jewish community of around six thousand. Now it is divided, some two thousand of these behind the Iron Curtain. The Reds have set up a puppet organization, under a leader whom Western Jews call a fellow-traveler.

Meanwhile, refugees - both Jew and Gentile - ~~xxx~~ continue to pour into West Berlin. This human flood averaging a thousand a day all this week. The total for the month around fifteen thousand, West Berlin now has more than thirty thousand of them. And officials are asking the West German government to move some of them - on somewhere - to ease the burden on refugee camps in that vast ruined city.

Among the refugees - two officials of the East German Christian Democratic Party, say they were about to be imprisoned by the Reds.

The State Department discloses that ~~the~~^{the} lost B-29 bomber did not violate the Manchurian border. This in reply to the Chinese Reds, who claim they shot the plane down in Manchuria. According to a State Department official, the plane may have landed on the other side of the Yalu. But it was attacked over North Korea. *As the State Dept spokesman* ~~he~~ puts it, "There is no possibility of determining whether the crash of the disabled plane took place on Korean or Manchurian territory." He adds that our airmen might have been captured in North Korea. And then taken across the border into Manchuria. The Reds using them to give credibility to propaganda about the "violation" of the frontier.

In the meantime, our Far Eastern Air Force states that radar contact with the lost plane proves that it was at least twelve miles south of the Manchurian border. Which contradicts the Chinese claim that it was nine miles north of the border.

KOREA-AIR

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MARINES

Here's a story about a couple of Marines, who wanted to see some fighting and were not allowed to.

Sergeant John Grassello, of Frederick, Maryland, and Corporal Warren Watts, of Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, are airplane mechanics. They were assigned to duty in Korea, far behind the lines. Their job, to keep planes in shape for the men who fly them.

The Serge and the Corporal were not satisfied. This wasn't why they had joined the Marines. So one day they slipped away from their base, caught a train as far as Taejon, then hitch-hiked on to Seoul, more than two hundred miles. Now the battle they were looking for was not far off. So they began walking.

At one point, they stopped at a Korean house to ask for food. And finally arrived at the front. There they joined an outfit - saying they were recruits just in from the States. No one asked many questions. The G.I's always pleased to see reinforcements.

Grassello and Watts were around long enough to come under fire. A new experience for them. Corporal

Watts describes it like this, "at first, we were scared, but, we sort of got used to it."

Now the Marine Corps has certain rules and regulations. And these two of course were technically A.W.O.L. Sergeant Grassello told a Colonel at the front:- "I joined the Marines to fight for my country." The Colonel finally sent the two back to where they belonged. Said the Colonel:-"They don't go hard on a man, for going in the direction you men were."

And he promised to try to get them transferred to his command!

INDIANS

Indians on the warpath. And it's not a make-believe out of Hollywood. The tribe of Creek Indians is making a determined attack. Its objective - not the scalps of the Palefaces, but some twenty-nine million dollars from the U.S. Government. The Indians are demanding this sum for lands ~~which~~ they once owned in Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi.

The claim goes back over a hundred years, to the days when Redskins really went on the warpath. General Andrew Jackson defeated the Indians at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend, in Alabama. Friendly Creeks were his allies in that battle. But even so, the land was taken from both friends and foes. ^{After that} The whole tribe started off on, what it called, "the trail of tears" - a trail that ended on reservations in Oklahoma.

But the Creeks never forgot the old lands of their tribe. And now ten thousand of them have gathered in Atmore, Alabama. They demand that the federal government pay them a dollar and a quarter for each confiscated acre -- there being more than twenty million acres. The trouble is that the

Indians can collect only by proving descent from the original Creeks. So they have been consulting their lawyers about this point.

The meeting is not like those of the old days. It is being held in a baseball park, lighted by electricity instead of campfires. Loudspeakers carry addresses from the platform. Refreshments are being provided by hot-dog stands.

The Chief of the Creek tribe is present - Calvin McGhee, an Alabama farmer. Also two descendants of Chief Red Eagle, who led a massacre of the Whites at Fort Mims during the Eighteen Thirties. Chief Red Eagle is a legend among the tribe - which remembers how he escaped from the U.S. Army by diving his horse from a cliff, and then swimming to safety across the Alabama River.

Today the Creeks don't ~~induce~~ indulge in such exploits. But they're just as determined to get what they want - and this time it's twenty-nine million dollars. *And now -*
for Nelson Case - here's Geo. Putnam.