

APPOINTMENTS

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The new postmaster General will be Arthur Summerfield -- as expected. He's the National Chairman of the Republican Party, who directed the winning campaign. Which, according to familiar custom, put him in line for the Post Office job. As in the case of Jim Farley -- back in the days of the New Deal, *and many others before him,* Hardly anybody was mentioned, except the man from

Flint, Michigan. Arthur Summerfield is the head of a retail automobile firm, one of the biggest in the country. Now to be - the nation's mail man.

All of which leaves only two cabinet positions to be filled -- Commerce and Labor.

At the same time, the President-Elect named two women to high federal office -- one - Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, *Publisher,* ~~publisher at~~ Houston, Texas, and war-time director of the Women's Army Corps. She will be the new Federal Security Administrator -- succeeding Oscar Ewing. The statement is that Mrs. Hobby will be requested to sit in on Cabinet meetings, because of the vital importance of Social Security. Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest of Utah, has been ~~is~~ selected

as Treasurer of the United States -- a post now held by Mrs. Georgia Neese Clark, ^{The} lady from Utah is a member of the Church of Latter Day Saints - the second ~~Woman~~ to be appointed by President-elect Eisenhower. The other, Ezra Taft Benson, named to be Secretary of ~~the Department of~~ Agriculture.

(The President-elect held a series of Conferences today -- one with Congressman John Taber of New York, who will be Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House. Upon emerging, the Congressman said he believes the Federal Budget can be kept at about sixty-five billion dollars. Estimates of the budget that President Truman will give Congress have mentioned -- eighty-five billion.)

(Congressman Taber stated, that there may be a tax cut in Nineteen Fifty-four, the year after next. He thinks it will be possible to balance the budget by then. After which -- taxes can be reduced.)

WHITE HOUSE

There'll be a "Farewell" dinner at the White House on December fourth - and Governor Stevenson will attend. It will be the last gathering of heads of the Truman administration, as the Democratic Party ^{after twenty years,} says farewell to the White House, ~~after twenty years.~~

We hear the President will have a talk with Governor Stevenson on the future of the Party -- especially its leadership during the next four years. He regards the defeated candidate as the leader, and wants to help him hold control.

~~Some Democrats don't agree. There's talk among the Southerners, for example, of having the Democratic leadership in Congress assume direction. President Truman, himself, expects to exert influence, and he'll back Stevenson as the titular head of the Party. So we hear, as a "Farewell" dinner of the Truman administration is announced.~~

(Here's the latest - Senator Russell of Georgia declares that party policies will be dictated by the Democrats in Congress. He says he recognizes Governor Stevenson as the "titular head of the party". And adds that - "titular" means "title without authority.")

A. F. OF L.

(The A. F. of L. elects a new President - George Meany, Secretary-Treasurer of the Federation. He succeeds William Green, who died last week.) The choice of Meany was expected - the A. F. of L. having no such internal strife as the C. I. O. Rival candidates - disputing for the post left vacant by the death of C.I.O. President Philip Murray.

George Meany began life as a plumber, and worked up through union ranks in New York State. For twelve years he was right-hand man to William Green, running things during periods when the aged A.F. of L. President was ill.

(He's the fourth head of the Federation, though the figure is really technical. The seventy-one years A.F. of L. history have been dominated by Samuel Gompers, the founder, and his successor William Green. However, during one year of the regime of ~~Gompers~~, John McBride was President. Now - George Meany, elected by the Executive Council today.)

Assuming office, he disclosed that, last Friday,

he advised President-Elect Eisenhower to name a union leader as his Secretary of Labor - though he did not propose any particular candidate. This was at a meeting in New York, and George Meany says the General promised to take his advice into consideration.

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(At the U N, they're pushing that India compromise for a truce in Korea -- in spite of the way Soviet Russia turned it down last night.) The United States and Great Britain have differences of opinion about the terms of the proposal - although British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, flying back to London today, said there had never been any British American split.

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(The City of Seoul, battered by war, was a scene of military preparations today -- thousands of troops moving in. Joining ^{some} ~~to~~ six thousand South Korean police, ⁱⁿ precautions ~~for~~ for the visit of President-Elect Eisenhower.) Patrols combing the city and hills around -- and rehearsing for a program of maximum security. Bullet-proof protection," they call it.

All -- following a visit by General Mark Clark, Commander-in-Chief in Tokyo. In the Korean capital, General Clark supervised plans for the safety of the ~~President-Elect's~~ visitor they are expecting.

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In London, British refugees from the weekend riots in Iraq - give a curious explanation. Mobs raged through Baghdad, burning and destroying - until military forces intervened with gunfire. The frenzied outbreak had an anti-foreign character - with university students in the fore-front of the mobs.

The Britishers from Baghdad say the outbreak was begun by students who had failed to pass their examinations. A number flunked their exams, were angry about it, and went on a rampage. Other students joined - and injected politics into the trouble. The uproar spread, and became anti-foreign.

All a sign of an explosive situation - when students flunking their exams can touch off an orgy of violence.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

(In Red Czechoslovakia, the parade of confessions came to an end today -- the last of fourteen defendants telling how guilty they are of treason, zionism, ^{and} Jewish plotting.)

One who stood up there, confessing, was a bitterly ironical figure -- the former Chief of the Secret Police, the dread instrument of tyranny. He told how he had the Secret Police cover up the activities of Slansky, former Secretary-General of the Communist Party in Czechoslovakia. Slansky has confessed ^{had} zionism, and treason. All of which recalled how, in Stalins' purge trials back in the 'Thirties, two former Chiefs of his own Secret Police, the Ogpu, were condemned and executed.

(All that remains now is the pronouncement of doom, hanging -- ^{for} ~~the~~ those former big shots of the Reds.)
The world, meanwhile, remains puzzled. Why this weird courtroom production -- harping on the Jewish angle, zionism? We don't know -- though it may be a Communist play for favor with the Arabs, in their antagonism to the State of Israel.

FOLLOW CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Now, here's the latest -- and it's typical of the Reds. A Communist East German newspaper states that the son of one of the defendants has written to the court - demanding his father be doomed. "I want the death sentence for my father", proclaims the son, like a true Communist.

~~Another~~^A late bulletin ~~is~~ from Jerusalem -- ~~where~~ the Israelis are startled and shocked by the anti-semitic fantasies in the Red trial. Tonight, the Jewish Parliament adopted a resolution -- expressing horror.

VENUS

The Colonial Office in London makes public - a blunder. The Island of Cyprus, governed by Britain, put out a tourist poster - with a picture of the Venus de Milo. Classical masterpiece - though the arms are missing, broken off during the centuries. The Venus de Milo was discovered on the Island of Cyprus.

The posters were sent around all over the world, one batch to the Arabian Kingdom of Kuwait. That was the blunder. The Sheikh Abdullah Al Salim forbade them to be displayed. But why? Some supposed - it was because the Venus de Milo is a nude, in the manner of Ancient Greek sculpture. And - the Moslems have severe ideas of feminine modesty.

But no, not at all.

The Sheikh Abdullah Al Salim said: "My subjects will think all the girls of Cyprus are thieves."

Which points to the grim way of justice among the Arabs. The Sheikh explained: "Islamic law says a thief must be punished by having his hand chopped off."

The Venus de Milo has both off which certainly looks thievish, according to Islamic law.

BRITISH COINS

In London, the British mint is preparing a new issue of coins for the Reign of Queen Elizabeth The Second. On one side - a profile of the Sovereign. On the other - the usual symbolism, with a few changes. One change - the onion. It may seem odd to associate that pungent, savory vegetable with her Majesty's coinage - but the onion plays a prominent part.

On the back of the two shillings and sixpence - the emblems of England, Scotland and Ireland, which is according to custom. But, this time, the symbol for Wales will be added. England has the Rose of the Tudors. Scotland - the Thistle. Ireland, even if it's North Ireland - the Shamrock. So what ^{is} the Welsh emblem? The Leek, that elongated savory onion often served at the beginning of dinner. So the new coin, two shillings and six, will feature - an onion.

BLIZZARD

The first great blizzard of the year, and it comes in surprisingly. Not from the North, not from the Canadian arctic. The white storm - sweeping through the Texas panhandle, up into the Middlewest. Ten inches of snow ~~is~~ in Texas and western Oklahoma -- the plains, famous for being sun baked, now turned into a vast expanse of glistening white. Blowing up into southwestern Colorado, the snowfall at Wolf Pass Creek ~~was~~ -- twenty-four inches.

In advance of the blizzard -- wind storms. Western Kentucky lashed by ~~gale~~ gales up to seventy-five miles an hour. Violent weather -- as the big snow comes up out of the southwest.

PLANE

In Alaska, search planes are still hunting for the great Globemaster transport, which disappeared with fifty-two service men aboard. Air Force officials are still checking on that radio signal -- which, it was thought, might have come from the plane. But -- no result.

It was reported that the wreckage of a plane had been sighted near Cape Clear, on the Gulf of Alaska -- maybe the Globemaster. But a Coast Guard Cutter, reaching the scene, found a mass of floating driftwood -- which had been taken for wreckage. So -- the search goes on.

RESTAURANT

At Victoria, British Columbia. A novel experiment in merchandising has brought about an unexpected result. Restaurant owner Paul Arsens was having trouble. Business was slow - the customers complaining about high prices. Yesterday, he threw out the menus with prices on them - and told the customers to eat what they wanted, and pay whatever they thought was right.

Today he reports - business has doubled. He was afraid he might be cheated - but it's the other way round. "People," said he today, "are paying more for meals than ~~we~~^{he} would charge. For a cup of coffee, they average - twenty-five cents. For a meal formerly priced at ninety cents - they kick in with a dollar and a half. The customers are over-charging themselves.

The restaurant cashier, a young woman, gives a shrewd feminine opinion. Saying: "I think they^are afraid of looking cheap."

Anything - to keep from feeling embarrassed.

FOOTBALL

There was a lively argument before a Congressional Committee today -- about football. Hearings are being held concerning tax exempt foundations, and the witness was Dr. Robert Hutchins, former President of the University of Chicago. Now - an Associate Director of the Ford Foundation.

On the subject of colleges and football, he advised colleges to trade their expensive football teams for racing stables. "The jockeys," said Dr. Hutchins, "could wear their schools' colors, and the horses wouldn't have to pass entrance examinations."

Congressman Donald O'Toole referred to the fact that, at the University of Chicago, Dr. Hutchins had abolished the pigskin game altogether. And remarked "- If I had a team like you had at Chicago, I'd have abolished it too."

The former college prexy came back with an explanation. "Chicago," said he, "had the only unsalaried team in the region at the time." Which, he intimated, was the reason for the score for the famous

game -- when Michigan beat Chicago, eighty-five to zero.

He said people argued -- that you couldn't have a great university without a great football team. But that was proved to be wrong. "Our alumni," said Hutchins, "began watching our educational program instead of the score board." Nelson - what's the score?