#### Washington Notes

Johnson Not Candidate

WASHINGTON - Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson's recent smashing victory in a voting test in Texas put some of his supporters in a presidential candidate frame of mind but Johnson has announced he will not be such a candidate.

This is not an indication that the Texan would not like to be President. But this statement reflects the shrewd judgment of a



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good politician. Although many Texans feel Johnson never was actually elected in Texas, when he ran against Governor Stevenson and there was a dispute over the final count, they admit he is now a strong political power in the state.

But Johnson is doing all right to be Majority Leader of the Sen-And in that position he doesn't have to run against Dwight Eisenhower. In addition to this Johnson is a Southerner. He has been around long enough know that the prejudice against the average Southerner, based on civil rights issues, make it next to impossible to win the nomination — because the professionals at the convention argue that a Southerner can't

Johnson wants to avoid what has happened to Dick Russell of Georgia, who once or twice has convinced himself he had a chance and that the great majority might support him, even though he was honestly conservative on race questions. He is sticking his neck out to be cut off, in other words.

Johnson's Texas victory preceded one by Millard Tydings in Maryland. The former Senator - a bitter foe of Joe McCarthy won a close primary battle against strong opposition last week and now will meet Senator John Butler, the Repulican Senator who won his seat six years ago. Tydings has been waiting for this comeback chance for those six years. -

The Tydings primary triumph heartened Democrats, for they think Tydings has an excellent chance to unseat Butler. Republicans disagree, of course. Nevertheless, it pits a proven Democratic vote-getter against a Republican competing for his first term Maybe that partially offsets the loss of another Demo-

#### Telephone Buildings Going Up



cratic vote-getter in Kentucky the late Alben Barkley, where Republicans see their chances better as a result of Barkley's

#### Dulles Reports On NATO Meeting

Dulles has reported to President Eisenhower on the recent NATO meeting in Paris. Contrary to earlier, published reports, Dulles told the President the conference high plane. The chief weak spots was a successful one, and one which opens the way for much greater cooperation between NATO members.

The NATO conference set up a 'wise man's committee" of three, on the Foreign Ministers level. composed of the ministers from Canada, Italy and Norway.

They are to devise ways for closer collaboration among NATO members, in spheres other than the military Dulles believes been of historic significance as a turning point in the history of NATO.

Marshal Tito Advises Again

Marshal Tito, the greatest strutter onthe European stage, pranced through Paris recently, once again telling the West and the East how to get along with each other. Tito is the greatest traveler among the world's rulers. Yet some wonder why he doesn't stay at home more, where much is yet to be done for his people.

In Washington, there has been a cooling toward the Marshal, who has been playing East against the West, successfully, from his standpoint, while openly hostile to many U. S. principles - largely as a result of

It may be that the Tite tie will one day snap altogether.

U. S. EMPLOYES

In a U. S. employe survey, it was found that the Washington area furnished the largest number of employes, with 227,465 New York City and adjacent New Jersey furnished the second largest number of resident Federal employes. A total of 165,673 Federal workers lived there. The San Francisco-Oakland is third with 83,055, Philadelphia fourth with 73,070 and Chicago fifth with 69,251.

#### NATION'S ECONOMY

The nation's economy continufrom the prosperous late months of 1955, according to the Com-Secretary of State John Foster merce Department. While a department survey, covering January to March, noted a levelingoff, the economy remained at a were in the motor vehicle and residential construction indus-

Construction work on three new Pennsylvania Community Telephone Company exchangess in Lancaster County ed robust in the first quarter of is proceeding satisfactorily and, the present year, carrying over in the main, on schedule, according to Luther Davis, construction superintendent. Shown above, top photo, is the Quarryville building, on schedule except for the roof deck, deliverery of which has been delayed; bottom left, the Hensel exchange and, bottom right, the building at Kirkwood, both right on schedule. (Lancaster Farming Photos.)

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