

# 250,000 Pa. Employees Take Loyalty Allegiance

HARRISBURG, March 31—(AP)—The job of administering loyalty oaths to some 250,000 public employees in Pennsylvania was reported completed today.

The oath is necessary under a 1951 law designed to ferret out communists in state and local governments and the schools.

A survey of state and local agencies by the state justice department and the Department of Public Instruction today showed no instances of refusal to take the oath.

### Oath Required

The loyalty oath law requires all state, county and municipal employees, including school teachers, to take the oath this month. New workers will take the oath as they go on the payroll.

They must swear or affirm that they are not subversive nor are members of a subversive organization. The law requires the firing of any public employee who refuses to take the oath.

Dr. Herman C. Grose, deputy superintendent of public instruction, said reports received by his office show that all of the 60,000 teachers in the some 2500 districts in Pennsylvania have taken the oath. In a suburban Philadelphia school system, one teacher resigned recently rather than take the oath.

### New Screening Method

Aside from requiring the oath by present public employees, the new law also requires new job applicants to be screened for possible subversive tendencies.

The screening questionnaire used by the state, and suggested for use by local schools, requires new applicants to say whether they were even arrested and if so give details. This will furnish information of this kind for the first time for all new state employees not under Civil Service. The latter agency recently requires such information on its questionnaires.

## French Trap 5000 Red Troops on Gulf

SAIGON, Indochina, March 31—(AP)—Some 5000 communist-led Vietminh fought a last-ditch battle on the brink of the Tonkin Gulf tonight in a desperate effort to escape extermination at the hands of 20,000 advancing French.

Five battalions—flower of the Red force which tried to gain a foothold in the rice-rich delta and smash French communications between Hanoi eastward to Haiphong Port—were under ceaseless hammering by land, sea and air.

The French, following order of their commander, Gen. Raoul Salan, have slain 1049 rebels and taken 1062 others since that mop-up campaign in the delta southeast of Hanoi began four days ago.

## Taft's Omaha Headquarters



FEVERISH write-in drives add luster to Nebraska's Republican presidential primary campaign. This picture taken in Omaha shows the headquarters for Sen. Robert A. Taft, which has been in business for several days, conducting phone and mail campaigns.

## Taft Stakes Bid on Result Of Wis. Vote

MILWAUKEE, March 31—(AP)—Sen. Robert A. Taft's presidential bid hangs in the balance tomorrow when about 750,000 Republican-voting Wisconsin citizens step into polling booths to swing the pendulum.

With a million-vote total forecast, Democrats scrambled feverishly today for their expected one-fourth share in a race where Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee is regarded as top runner.

Damp weather predicted for the whole state tomorrow could cut somewhat the voter turnout in a contest to name 36 Democratic and 30 Republican delegates to party nominating conventions at Chicago in July. The Democratic delegates carry 28 votes.

Taft, buffeted by a defeat at the hands of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in New Hampshire and his own attempted withdrawal from the April 15 New Jersey primary, is staking his position in the Republican presidential race largely on the Wisconsin outcome.

### Atom Bomb Test Slated

LAS VEGAS, Nev., March 31—(AP)—Atomic Energy Commission test chiefs today scheduled a nuclear explosion at the Nevada proving grounds tomorrow morning.

## Senate OKs Servicemen Pay Boost

WASHINGTON, March 31—(AP)—The Senate voted today to give everyone in the armed forces a three per cent pay boost and give men under fire in Korea an extra \$45 a month.

Passage of both the pay boost and the combat bonus were by unrecorded voice vote. Now the measure goes back to the House.

There, a radically different pay bill, calling for a 10 per cent pay boost for all in uniform, was passed in January.

Unless the House accepts the Senate version, which is unlikely, the differences will be ironed

WASHINGTON, March 31—(AP)—House passage sent to the Senate today a bill to pay U.S. military and civilian prisoners of war \$1.50 daily for each day they were forced to work or were treated inhumanly in violation of international law during World War II.

The bill also authorizes the war claims commission to pay religious and charitable organizations and their personnel for an estimated 20 million dollars in losses or damages in the Philippines as a result of World War II.

out by a Senate-House conference committee.

The Senate bill also calls for a flat dollar increase in rent and food allowances. The idea is to give more liberal treatment to enlisted men and junior officers with families.

The Senate bill—without the combat bonus provision attached by Senator Moody (D-Mich)—was estimated to cost 471 millions a year.

The Senate bonus would be retroactive to cover men who have or will face enemy fire in Korea or, if they were killed, to their survivors. It would go to soldiers, marines and sailors and their officers who have been under actual enemy fire and who are not eligible for other hazard pay.

### '51 Plates Now Illegal

Yesterday was the last day for 1951 motor licenses. State College police will start a check for illegal plates beginning today.

## Senator Hints 'Veep' To Seek Presidency

By the Associated Press

Senator George (D-Ga) said Monday he expects Vice President Barkley to bid for the Democratic presidential nomination now that President Truman has stepped aside.

But the 74-year-old Barkley, normally the most articulate of politicians, would say only that "I have no statement to make" and "I don't care to talk about the convention."

George said "it will be a week or more before the air clarifies and we know who all the candidates are."

### Byrd Favors Russell

Senator Byrd (D-Va) said Truman's withdrawal from the Democratic contest "enhances the opportunity for Sen. Russell (D-Ga) to obtain the Democratic nomination."

Byrd, long a critic of the Truman administration, said that with a 1952 party platform acceptable to the south, Russell would be "a very appealing candidate to all sections of the country, and a great president."

### Kefauver in Good Spot

With nothing very conclusive in sight in Washington, the politicians studied today's primaries in Wisconsin and Nebraska, particularly the situation of Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio in the Wisconsin Republican voting.

In the Democratic primary in Wisconsin, Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee was regarded as in a happy position. Kefauver's slate of delegates is opposed by two rival groups in the state's Democratic politics. Both had been pledged to Truman.

### Psych Club to Meet

The Psychology Club will hold its regular meeting at 7 tonight in 204 Burrows. Films will be shown following the meeting.

## Fire Gives Students Week's Vacation

—An \$80,000 fire in the Columbus elementary school here today destroyed the roof of the building and put nearly 800 students out of school.

Hundreds of people watched firemen battle the blaze which toppled the wooden bell tower situated on the highest part of the three-story brick building.

Board of education officials have arranged for the children to resume classes next Monday in neighboring schools.

Pennsylvania has a variable climate, with severe cold in the mountains and extreme heat in the lower valleys.

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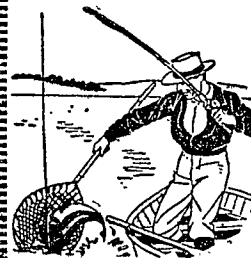
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