

Ike Names 2 to Cabinet; William Green Dies, Stassen Gets Aid Post Was Head of AFL

Atom Spies To Die In January

NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (AP)—The week of Jan. 12 was set today for the execution of a husband and wife atom spy team—the first traitors in American history doomed to death by a civil court.

The pair, Julius Rosenberg and his wife, Ethel, were convicted and sentenced to death April 5, 1951, for ferreting out American A-bomb secrets for a Russian-bossed international spy ring.

Countless of their fellow Americans—in anger or curiosity—have pleaded to be allowed to watch them die in Sing Sing's electric chair. Few if any of these requests can be granted.

The execution date was set by Federal Judge Irving R. Kaufman, who doomed them originally with the personal opinion that their treason led to the war in Korea. They will probably die Jan. 15—a Thursday.

In contrast to the dramatic tone of their sentencing, when bells tolled the hour of noon outside Kaufman's federal courtroom, the only sound today was the scratch of the judge's pen as he signed the execution order.

Since they were sentenced, the Rosenbergs carried an appeal doggedly from one court to another. Finally, last week, the U.S. Supreme Court gave them a final turnaround.

State Transportation Tax Repeal Asked

HARRISBURG, Nov. 21 (AP)—The 1953 General Assembly was urged today to repeal a special 2-year-old transportation tax before 150 Pennsylvania bus firms go bankrupt.

The warning came from the Pennsylvania Bus Association which reported that 150 of 393 bus companies in the state have lost money so far this year because of the tax.

The 8 mill levy was imposed by withdrawal of an exemption on gross receipts taxes previously enjoyed by bus and truck companies.

Walker Withdraws

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 21 (AP)—Sen. John M. Walker today withdrew as a candidate for majority leader of the Republican controlled state Senate.

Walker, who had said only a few days ago that he had enough support to retain the post he has held the last two sessions of the legislature, declared he was withdrawing because of opposition from Gov. John S. Fine.

Reading RR to Expand

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AP)—The Reading Co. today sought Interstate Commerce Commission Authority to acquire control of the Central Railroad of New Jersey through the purchase of 8400 shares of Class A stock.

Cost of Living Rises

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AP)—The government's cost of living index, despite slight declines in the prices of food and clothing, inched upward again in the month ended Oct. 15.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (AP)—President-elect Eisenhower filled the posts of secretary of the treasury and attorney general today, putting a supporter of Sen. Robert A. Taft in his cabinet for the first time.

He also tapped Harold E. Stassen to direct the multi-billion dollar Mutual Security Agency.

The Taft supporter is George E. Humphrey, 62, a Cleveland iron, steel and coal industrialist whom Eisenhower selected as his secretary of the treasury.

Attorney General Chosen
"It was a great surprise to me," said Humphrey. "I have been a supporter of Taft and on his committees from the first time he ever ran for office."

Herbert Brownell Jr., 48, a key adviser to the Dewey administration in New York and a mastermind of the Eisenhower campaign, was chosen as attorney general.

Brownell's first order of business was to ask J. Edgar Hoover to stay on as FBI director.

Brownell Was Dewey Adviser
The two appointments today, plus three yesterday, filled five of the nine gaps in the Eisenhower cabinet.

A New York lawyer, Brownell was a brain-truster in Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's vain bids for the presidency in 1944 and 1948. Between campaigns he was a trusted Dewey adviser in Albany.

Humphrey, the new Treasury Department chieftain, said "this thing came up suddenly." He talked with Eisenhower in New York for three hours Wednesday.

Has Business Background
Since Taft was beaten out of the GOP nomination by Eisenhower, Humphrey said he has supported the general but sought no "promises or political commitments."

Humphrey is president of the M. A. Hanna Company in Cleveland, a big iron ore and coal outfit. He also is chairman of Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Company world's largest producer of soft coal. He sits as a director on several other big organizations.

Gets Harriman's Job
Today's appointments brought to five the number of cabinet posts filled by Eisenhower in a 24-hour span. There still are four vacancies—postmaster general, agriculture, commerce, and labor.

Stassen takes over from W. Averell Harriman the spending of billions on military and economic aid throughout the world.

Congressional Leaders Praise Cabinet Choices

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AP)—Members of both parties in Congress joined today in praising the three additions to President-elect Eisenhower's high command—two cabinet officers and a mutual security administrator.

Eisenhower designated Herbert Brownell Jr., a New York lawyer, as attorney general, and George E. Humphrey, Cleveland industrialist, as secretary of the treasury. Former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota was chosen to direct the huge mutual security program.

While congressional reaction was favorable generally, Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore) said "the latest batch of Eisenhower appointments is but a continuation of placing reactionaries in complete control of his administration."

Reporters who sought comment from Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) in Cincinnati were told that he would not have anything to say about the selections.

U.S. and Allies May Accept Truce Proposal

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 20 (AP)—The United States and its major allies seemed ready tonight to accept with amendments India's compromise plan for Korea, but Moscow reaction raised doubt whether the UN was moving toward actually stopping the war.

Moscow newspapers indicated the resolution put up by India's V. K. Krishna Menon is not satisfactory to the Soviet Union. Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky may give the official stand next week.

If the Russians reject the plan Western diplomats will have to shelve it and take up other proposals in an effort to find a way out.

Menon received the first Moscow reaction with apparent gloom. He also said he would have to examine the conditions being laid down by the Western Allies to see if they "poison the roots" of his proposal before he could say whether he would accept them.

COSHOCTON, O., Nov. 21 (AP)—William Green, who led and spoke for 13 million American workers in the American Federation of Labor over nearly three decades, died today.

The AFL president, only the second leader the AFL has had, was 82. Establishment of his correct age caused considerable confusion.

Close business associates, his sister and his brother-in-law thought he was 81. The birthdate given in his biography would have made him 79. However, the Green family Bible showed the labor chieftain was born March 3, 1870, in the Prosser's Hollow section just outside Coshocton.

Green's death followed by only 12 days that of Philip Murray, president of the rival CIO. Murray died Nov. 9 in San Francisco.

Death came to Green in a red brick home nearly in the center of the Eastern Ohio town from which he rose to labor fame from his job as a coal miner. The time was 1:22 p.m., EST.

The family said a heart ailment caused the aged labor leader's death.

Coshocton generally was not surprised. Its citizens knew "Bill" Green came home an ill man early in October, although the family tried to minimize the seriousness of his physical decline.

But word leaked out. Green went to Coshocton Memorial Hospital for two weeks, then returned home. Two weeks ago the family installed a small elevator to enable him to come downstairs. He spent most of his time in bed and he didn't emerge from the house to take a walk through the streets in which he grew up.

Green's career followed the time-hallowed American tradition. A coal miner and son of a coal miner, Green was born near Coshocton March 3, 1870. By the time he was 18 he was a full-fledged miner.

Speculation as to possible successors to Green as head of the AFL, centered on George Meany, AFL secretary treasurer, and George M. Harrison, head of the big Railway Clerks Union and an AFL vice president. Meany is 58; Harrison a year younger.

Meany has been No. 2 man in the AFL since 1940 and in recent years, with Green's health failing, he had performed many executive functions which normally would have fallen to the president.

Warplanes Smash Big Red Center

SEOUL, Saturday, Nov. 22 (AP)—U.S. warplanes smashed a big military center near the Manchurian border Friday in another of a daring, week-long series of fire raids under the noses of the Red Air Force.

A few MIG jets sallied out from their Manchurian haven in a futile attempt to save the center, and screening Sabre jet pilots reported they destroyed one of them.

Ground fighting tapered off after flaring up all along the front late Thursday and early Friday. Sniper Ridge on the Central Front, where South Koreans crushed an attack by 750 Chinese early in the day, was quiet Friday night.

The relentless fire raids, which opened Monday, seemed designed to drive Communist troop reserves out into the bitter cold. Most of the raids were aimed at military headquarters and barracks.

Friday's fire raid was staged by Thunder jet fighter-bombers, who touched off such raging fires in a military headquarters and billeting area that latecomers over the target could not see it because of the dense pall of smoke.

The target was identified only as lying near the Yalu River northwest of Pukchin. Pukchin itself is about 45 miles from the Manchurian border.

Pilots reported that at least 20 buildings were destroyed, but a complete evaluation could not be made because of the smoke.

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