

Roberts Resigns National GOP Position

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP)—C. Wesley Roberts resigned under fire as chairman of the Republican National Committee tonight and President Eisenhower promptly called it a "wise decision."

The President said Roberts, accused of violating the spirit of a Kansas lobbying law, resigned "on his own initiative."

The announcement came after Roberts emerged from a heart-to-heart White House talk with Eisenhower, who had approved Roberts' election to the high party post last January.

Party Head Guilty of Lobbying

TOPEKA, Kan., March 27 (AP)—A legislative investigating committee ruled today that Republican National Chairman Wes Roberts violated at least the spirit of Kansas' lobbying act in acting as an agent for a fraternal organization which sold a hospital to the state two years ago.

Roberts received an \$11,000 fee for his part in the deal. At the time, he was engaged as a public relations counsel and held no state or party office.

Two main questions were before the committee:

1. Did Roberts violate the state's lobbying law by not registering as a lobbyist?

2. Would the building have reverted to the state, anyway, if the former owners, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, quit using it? The building was constructed by the organization in 1928 on the grounds of the state tuberculosis sanatorium at Norton, Kan.

On the first point, the committee found that Roberts did not register as a lobbyist and added that the question as to why Roberts "did not wish to be identified or considered as a legislative agent had not been explained to the satisfaction of your committee." It recommended the lobbying law be revised to include "an attempt to influence in any manner the act or vote of a member of the Legislature."

On the second, the committee said it was a matter for the courts to decide whether it was necessary for the state to buy the building.

Marines Regain Korean Hilltop

SEOUL, Saturday, March 28 (AP)—Hard-fighting U.S. Marines after knocking out possibly two-thirds of the 3500 attacking Chinese Reds, clamped a firm grip today on the first hill ground recaptured since the Communists unleashed their spring drive in Western Korea Monday.

Friday night, the armor-vested Marines climaxed 10 hours of savage, hand-to-hand combat by winning back Vegas Outpost. They struck behind a rocket barrage and shells from tanks rumbling far out in front of the Allied lines.

Vegas was one of two outposts near Bunker Hill where Marines fought to the last man before yielding to human sea waves of Chinese attacking at 10 points Thursday.

Destroyed Usefulness

The 49-year-old Roberts quit with a blast at unnamed Kansas politicians. He said he had been made the victim of "a carefully contrived and thinly veiled plot, growing out of a fierce factional fight in Kansas state politics."

The plot, he said, "has destroyed my usefulness as national chairman."

Roberts' announcement, issued through GOP national headquarters, came on the heels of a finding by a Kansas legislative inquiry committee that Roberts violated at least the spirit of the state's lobbying law.

Surprise to GOP

The case, touched off by a story by a Kansas City Star reporter, centered on Roberts' action in taking an \$11,000 fee for acting as agent in the sale of a \$110,000 hospital building to the state two years ago. This raised the critical cry of "10 percent."

The resignation took most GOP leaders by sharp surprise. It had been expected earlier that the case might drag out for months.

Republican spokesmen said they were so unprepared for the resignation that little consideration had been given to a new man for the \$32,500 a year chairmanship. However, one of the names figuring in speculation as a possible successor was that of former Rep. Leonard W. Hall of New York.

Senate Approves Bohlen, 74-13, As New Ambassador to Russia

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP)—The Senate approved Charles E. (Chip) Bohlen as ambassador to Moscow today in a smashing 74 to 13 vote of confidence in President Eisenhower.

Two Democrats joined 11 Republicans in voting against confirmation of the 48-year-old career diplomat who had been unqualifiedly endorsed by Eisenhower as the best man for the Moscow post.

Bohlen, who won his soubriquet of "Chip" at Harvard because of his chipper affability, is expected to be dispatched as soon as possible to Moscow. He will be this country's first ambassador to Red Russia under the new Malenkov regime.

U.S. Challenges Soviet Union's Germ Charges

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Mar. 27 (AP)—The United States challenged the Communists "in the name of truth" today to permit an impartial commission to question all the U.S. military men the Reds say have confessed waging germ warfare in Korea.

Denouncing the Red hate campaign in the 60-nation UN Political Committee, U.S. delegation member Ernest A. Gross declared the germ warfare accusations against the U.S. and the U.N. to be a "total lie."

He asked the delegates whether the aim of the new Russian government is to increase world tension by such lies and to "undermine and destroy the very foundation of international good will and co-operation."

The initial Russian reaction in the committee indicated the Communists would not accept the challenge.

McCarthy Rebuffed

The lopsided vote rang up a thumping victory for the Eisenhower administration—notably for the President himself and for Secretary of State Dulles—over a small Republican-dominated group which had attacked Bohlen as an advocate of the old Truman-Acheson foreign policies.

It was also a rebuff for Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.), one of the leaders in the attack on Bohlen.

The Wisconsin senator said after the vote that Bohlen drew support from senators who cast their ballots for him "not because they had confidence in him, but because they wanted to give President Eisenhower a vote of confidence."

After Bitter Debate

In his new role, Bohlen will lose the policy-making powers he held as counselor to the State Department. He has been in the diplomatic service since the Hoover administration in 1928.

The climactic vote, witnessed by jam-packed Senate galleries, came after two days of bitter debate in which a group of GOP senators assailed Bohlen as an "exponent of appeasement" toward Moscow and as a symbol of the World War II Yalta agreements.

Senate Republican Leader Taft of Ohio was generally credited with having kept a majority of the Republicans in line in the showdown as he continued to pull in harmony with the Eisenhower administration.

Jelke Receives 3 to 6 Year Prison Term

NEW YORK, March 27 (AP)—Minot (Mickey) Jelke was sentenced to three to six years in prison today as an unrepentant Cafe Society procurer. He already is serving eight months on another charge.

General Session Judge Francis L. Valente considered a suspended sentence for the 23-year-old oleomargarine heir. But he called Jelke unremorseful and said his morals are too black now to hold out hope of any immediate rehabilitation.

In a small Italian restaurant not far from the court building 19-year-old Pat Ward sipped martinis and told a reporter Jelke's sentence was only "a fraction of what he deserves."

He could have gotten 40 years in prison, although the all-male jury that convicted him Feb. 27 on two counts of compulsory prostitution recommended mercy. However, this was not binding on Valente.

Jelke, brought to court from the City Prison at Rikers Island, took the new sentence with outward calm. It may mean that he will be behind bars when he inherits an estimated \$3 million dollars in two years.

His lawyers said the case will be appealed, a move certain to arouse wide interest in legal and court circles.

Advertising Skill of U.S. No Good Abroad--Barrett

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP)—Declaring that great American advertising skills won't work in other countries, the former head of the Voice of America program told a group of senators today that: "What sells soap in Indiana can unsell democracy in India."

"What inspires a Czechoslovak can annoy a Chinese," Edward W. Barrett, who was in charge of the Voice program as assistant secretary of state from 1950 until early 1952, also took out after Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.), referring to "childish headline hunters" gone "hog-wild."

Barrett, testifying before a Senate foreign relations subcommittee, did not mention McCarthy by name but he left no doubt about whom he was talking.

McCarthy has been running a separate investigation of the Voice and related overseas information programs as chairman of a special Senate investigations subcommittee. He commented that Barrett's "attacks sound a lot like some of the screaming of those who have been exposed."

"Apparently he hasn't changed his tune since he was one of Ache-

son's right-hand lieutenants," McCarthy added. Dean Acheson was secretary of state when Barrett was in the department.

Barrett told the foreign relations group that while both the Voice and the overseas information program "have important shortcomings," development of the full facts will show "that there is little basis for the recently headlined and well-rehearsed allegations made elsewhere by a handpicked group of disgruntled and frightened little men."

Barrett, a former newspaper man, ticked off the main difficulties as these: inability to get first rate executives because of low pay; too much government red tape; and waste of time of executives in "combating irresponsible charges of non-existent faults."

Mesta Resigns As Ambassador

LUXEMBOURG, March 27 (AP)—U.S. Minister Perle Mesta, a Truman appointee who has described himself as "perfectly willing to stay in my present job" under the Eisenhower administration, isn't getting the chance.

The party-throwing lady diplomat from Oklahoma, the inspiration for "Call Me Madam" of stage and screen, announced today the Eisenhower administration has accepted the resignation she sent in last fall as a matter of political protocol and is leaving April 13.

Duquesne Pays Bill For Student Damages

PITTSBURGH, March 27 (AP)—The student council of Duquesne University paid a \$466 bill today for damage caused by some members of its student body as they celebrated a Duquesne basketball victory.

John Pelinon, council president, said the money was paid to the Pennsylvania College for Women and Carnegie Institute of Technology. Both schools said Duquesne students raided dormitory rooms March 16.

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